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By Armand N. Nocum

DON'T play the song "If We Hold on Together" to Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez.

The tune brings back bad memories and could even elicit an expletive from the

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Bishops at a loss, miss voice of Cardinal Sin

By Christian V. Esguerra

THIS must be one of those times when they sorely missed the voice of their late Jaime Cardinal Sin.

For hours yesterday, 91 Roman Catholic bishops

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FVR factor makes GMA hangs tough

Ramos backing cited for Arroyo's survival despite break with Cory

By Michael Lim Ubac

WHY did former President Fidel Ramos appear on the 11th hour to rescue the Arroyo presidency from a potentially tragic end?

Ramos stole the thunder from the bright boys of Malacañang when he showed up at 5 p.m. Friday at the Palace to meet President Macapagal-Arroyo and assure her of his unwavering support.

Members of the ruling party Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats yesterday told the INQUIRER that at the time, the Arroyo presidency was on the brink of losing its grip on power and could fall apart in a matter of hours.

A Lakas member, who asked not to be named, said that the call by former President Corazon Aquino for Ms Arroyo's resignation would have served as the clincher for the fall of the Chief Executive during the explosive day had it not been for the "Ramos factor."

When Ramos faced the media before dusk, it was clear that Ms Arroyo would remain ensconced at the Palace. Ms Arroyo's rejection, "with all due respect," of Aquino at 6 p.m. was already anti-climactic, said the lawmaker.

"I was in Bukidon watching the events that unfolded

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FVR to the rescue? The former President, a high-profile cheerleader for President Arroyo on the most harrowing day of her presidency, is right up there again with her at the meeting of the officers and members of the Lakas-CMD on Saturday at the Palace reportedly to fast-track constitutional amendements.

Drilon behind Cabinet 'coup,' says Palace

**By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.
Christine Avendaño
and Cynthia Balana**

THE RECENT mass resignation of 10 senior administration officials was part of a conspiracy engineered by a faction within the Liberal Party to force the removal of President Macapagal-Arroyo, Malacañang and business sources alleged yesterday.

They claimed that the LP faction found a ripe opportunity to oust Ms Arroyo following allegations that she was involved in rigging the votes in last year's election and accusations that her husband, son and brother-in-law had received "jueteng" payola.

DRILON/ A6

Joker said to be mentoring Noli for presidency

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

OVER the past few weeks as he played the reluctant heir, Vice President Noli de Castro has been advised by a set of colleagues in the Senate that it was his constitutional duty to assume the presidency once it is vacated.

While De Castro was wavering, or possibly playing coy and not wanting to be seen as in a hurry to sit in Malacañang, the Wednesday Group led by maverick administration Sen. Joker Arroyo had been quietly fighting the "Big Battle" for him..

"The Big Battle is who will replace Gloria," a member of the group told the INQUIRER, noting that other forces are gearing for an extra-legal power grab that would deprive De Castro of his right to replace Ms Arroyo and the country of an orderly transition of power.

Arroyo, anti-Marcos pillar, legal brains of the Aquino administration and hero of the Senate impeachment trial that led to the ouster of President Joseph Estrada, served as De Castro's anchor, next to Sen. Manuel Villar.

Arroyo, Villar, Senate Majority Leader Francis Pangilinan and Sen. Ralph Recto were former House members who were elected to the Senate in 2001. They and De Castro, a former ABS-CBN broadcaster who was also elected the same year, became fast friends and formed the Wednesday Group, which became a powerful bloc in the Senate.

The five senators have been meeting for lunch on Wednesday every week,

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GMA wanted e-VAT delayed, 'defectors' claim

By Michelle V. Remo

TWO former senior government officials who resigned their cabinet posts said President Macapagal-Arroyo wanted to delay the implementation of the expanded value-added tax law, her administration's key measure to solve the country's fiscal problem.

Ex-Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima and former Trade and Industry Secretary Juan Santos revealed this for the first time when they met reporters to explain their disenchantment with Ms Arroyo's leadership.

Purisima would neither confirm nor deny reports that Ms Arroyo had a hand in the Supreme Court's decision on July 1 to issue a temporary restraining order on the e-VAT, a move which reportedly helped spur his decision to resign.

But Purisima said Ms Arroyo had expressed her intention to have the implementation of the law postponed.

Santos, for his part, said Ms Arroyo consulted him on whether there was a legal means to have the law postponed.

"I told her this should not be done because this is not going to be good [for the economy]," Santos said in an interview on the sidelines of a forum calling for Ms Arroyo's resignation held at the Ateneo de Manila University.

Santos, whose main task at the Department of Trade and Industry was to invite foreign investors to do business in the Philippines, said the suspension of the e-VAT was something that would send a wrong signal to investors.

After the issuance by the Supreme Court of a TRO, the Department of Finance immediately said it would file a petition to lift it because of its adverse effects on the government's fiscal reform program.

The DOF estimated that the e-VAT law would generate as much as P31 billion in revenues in the second half of the year and as much as P105 billion every year

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OBJECTS OF AFFECTION/SUSPICION, depending on one's politicil persuasion, the "Hyatt 10" are doing the rounds of public forums to explain why they did what they had to do. Spotted at the Ateneo de Manila are ex-DSWD Secretary Dinky Soliman and ex DepEd Secretary Florencio Abad.

GRIM PANEL of Cabinet secretaries answers the media's questions in the main about the resignation of 10 key officials of the Arroyo administration last Friday. From left, head of the Presidential Management Staff, Secretary Rigoberto Tigalo, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, Presidential Legal Counsel Gabby Claudio and Environment Secretary Mike Defensor.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms becoming widespread rains over Bicol region, Visayas and eastern sections of Mindanao.

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Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	**Davao**	Cloudy with Rains

Cebu to back GMA 'all the way'

By Jolene R. Bulambot
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—Cebu leaders are prepared to protect President Macapagal-Arroyo and to give her sanctuary should she decide to govern from here, away from the growing political tension in Metro Manila.

Cebu City Mayor Tomas Osmeña, who is on a study tour in Netherlands, told reporters in a teleconference Friday that Cebuanos would support President Arroyo "all the way" amid calls for her to resign.

Cebu Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia, who was also in the same Netherlands trip, also called on Cebuanos to rally behind the President.

The local police immediately secured the Malacañang sa Sugbo on Friday night after learning that the President was reportedly planning to come to Cebu.

"Cebuanos would welcome her. She is very welcome to govern from here. She has been doing that every time she is here at least once a month," stressed Cebu City Councilor Jack Jakosalem, a close ally of the President.

However, Jakosalem said it would be unlikely for the President to leave Malacañang amid the political crisis.

"Reports that she would be coming to Cebu are just black propaganda… intrigues. It is unlikely for her to come with the political crisis now [because] it won't leave a favorable impression. If everything is stabilized, she can go around," Jakosalem said.

Edilberto Emphasis, an administration ally and undersecretary of the Department of Land Transportation and Communication, said there was no need for the President "to come to Cebu as earlier reported because the so-called People Power [in Makati City] has failed. There's no reason for her to seek refuge to Cebu now that the situation is normal," he said.

"If she (Arroyo) comes to Cebu, it is not surprising. Cebu provides her with a psychological atmosphere where she can think and be energized because Cebuanos support her," he added.

Emphasis said the President was scheduled to visit Cebu on July 22 but did not know if this would still push through in view of developments in Manila.

Supt. Melvin Gayotin, the city's police director, said the Philippine National Police had been on double alert since Friday.

Gayotin personally went to Malacañang sa Sugbo the other night to oversee security preparations. At least 20 rounds of barbed wire barricades had been set up in front of the building since Friday night.

"We are just securing the place. The PNP is on high alert, even on double alert with the present political crisis. As to whether the President is coming to Cebu or not, we have no confirmation," Gayotin said.

Several militant and party-list groups here had announced they would intensify their street protests to call on the President to resign.

Members of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines had already joined Bayan Muna and its allied organizations in the Gloria Step Down Movement.

Party-list group Partido ng Manggagawa, in a press statement, said they would launch Laban ng Masa on Monday and intensify their street protests.

Cebu's business community, however, would remain united in their support for President Arroyo, said Robert Go, president of the Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI). *With a report from Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Minority expected to be new majority in Senate

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

A SENATE realignment is in the offing following the decision of Senate President Franklin Drilon, Senate Majority Leader Francis Pangilinan, Sen. Rodolfo Biazon and other members of the Liberal Party to withdraw support for President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"We expect the minority to become the new majority," opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson quipped. Since three LP senators were no longer with the administration wing, the minority would have the numbers to take the Senate leadership, he said.

The LP, of which Drilon is president, announced on Friday that it was withdrawing support for the President and had asked her to resign to solve the crisis engulfing the nation. The LP is the second biggest party in the administration coalition, next to the ruling Lakas-CMD.

Drilon also took exception to reports that he had been angling for the vice presidency.

He denied reports that he went to Hong Kong to press Vice President Noli de Castro to choose him as vice president in the event Ms Arroyo resigns and De Castro is elevated to the presidency.

"I never went to Hong Kong (to meet De Castro). That is totally wrong," Drilon told the INQUIRER.

The Senate revamp is expected when the second regular session opens on July 25, that is, if Ms Arroyo continues to hang on to the presidency, despite mounting calls for her resignation.

When asked if he expects to be ousted by fellow administration senators, Drilon said, "I do not really know. I do not discount that."

This was the second time Drilon risked his position as Senate President, choosing to stand up for his political principle.

In November 2000, shortly before President Joseph Estrada was impeached, Drilon bolted the ruling Lapian ng Masang Pilipino after Estrada was accused of taking almost half a billion pesos in "jueteng" payoffs and kickbacks from the tobacco excise tax.

Ten days later, Drilon was ousted as Senate president, replaced by Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. who presided the Senate impeachment with Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.

Drilon said his party had four members in the Senate — himself, Biazon, Pangilinan and Sen. Mar Roxas who is still abroad.

GMA quit call leaves LP in disarray

By Juliet Labog-Javellana, Tina G. Santos and TJ Burgonio

THE LIBERAL Party was thrown into disarray yesterday after party stalwarts suddenly withdrew support for embattled President Macapagal-Arroyo and called for her resignation to end the political crisis spawned by allegations she cheated her way to the presidency and that members of her family took gambling payoffs.

The party's decision was announced by Senate President Franklin Drilon, who is also LP president.

But the party's move was denounced by LP chair Manila Mayor Lito Atienza, a staunch supporter of Ms Arroyo, who claimed LP's withdrawal of support was not the official stand of the party.

"It does not reflect the genuine sentiments of the party, it's not a valid statement. It was just a small group and the LP has thousands of members whom they did not consult," said Atienza.

On Friday, the national executive committee of the LP, a member of the ruling coalition that supported Ms Arroyo in the 2004 elections, voted to withdraw support for the President and demand that she step down.

At least 20 LP leaders favor the resignation of Ms Arroyo, 11 favor her impeachment, one for leave of absence and one for her to stay in office.

Drilon said Atienza did not attend the Friday meeting and the previous consultation meetings even if he personally informed him about these.

Aside from Drilon, other LP leaders who sought Ms Arroyo's resignation were Senate Majority Leader Francis Pangilinan, Senators Manuel Roxas II and Rodolfo Biazon.

Those who disagreed with the final LP stand were Environment Secretary Michael Defensor, Reps. Rolando Andaya Jr. and Ricky Sandoval.

Drilon said that contrary to Atienza's claim, the decision was reached after thorough consultation and in a transparent manner. He said that prior to the Club Filipino meeting, two consultation meetings were held to get the sentiment of LP members.

He said while Atienza did not attend, his assistant and his son-in-law Miles Roces were present during the voting.

Yesterday, Atienza said that he and other LP leaders, were dissociating themselves from the party decision, claiming the voting was railroaded.

Asked about LP's fate after its members took a different stand on the issue, Atienza said: "Definitely we are splitting on the issue but we will settle this internally."

Other LP leaders who joined Atienza yesterday were Assemblyman Jess Burahan of Sulu, LP NECO member Ely Quinto, Manila Reps. Miles Roces and Banzai Nieva, Camarines Sur Rep. Rolando Andaya Jr., Quezon City Rep. Mat Defensor and Manila councilors.

But Pangilinan disputed Atienza' claims that the party's decision was "railroaded."

"The decision handed down yesterday (Friday) was made by a majority of the members of the national board as allowed by the LP constitution," he said, stressing that this represented the party position.

Cavite Governor Ayong Maliksi, who attended the party meeting, maintained that LP's decision was arrived at orderly and democratically.

"The meeting went on orderly. The decision was not railroaded. It was legal and fairly represented by LP members who are pro-Arroyo and those who are not," Maliksi said.

Drilon yesterday defended the party's decision and renewed its appeal to the President to voluntarily resign and allow the constitutional process of succession to proceed.

"The party maintains that the President's resignation is a legitimate constitutional option," Drilon said.

He also appealed to Atienza to let the party leadership thresh out the "differences of opinions" among LP leaders.

"There are party mechanisms and procedures that can address the differences of opinions among LP leaders.," he said.

Antique Gov. Salvacion Zaldivar-Perez, LP vice president for the Visayas, also disowned the LP's statement calling for Ms Arroyo to resign.

"(Calling for the resignation of the President) is not the general sentiment of the members of the party. It is the stand of a handful of LP leaders," Perez told the INQUIRER.

LP's decision also drew criticisms from Ms Arroyo's allies at the Senate.

Sen. Richard Gordon said the move by LP stalwarts smacked of turncoatism.

"Two weeks ago, the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, Liberal Party, Nacionalista Party supported the (constitutional) process [to address the crisis]. Even Cory Aquino supported this. Where are they now?" he said. *With reports from Marlon Ramos and Madonna T. Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; Nestor Burgos Jr. and Raj Padilla, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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Opposition eyes 'caretaker council,' plans 1-M strong rally to get military backing

By Philip C. Tubeza

A DAY after President Macapagal-Arroyo was swamped with calls for her resignation from key allies, members of the United Opposition (UNO) yesterday proposed the creation of a "caretaker council" to replace Ms Arroyo and her Vice President Noli de Castro.

With various sectors already demanding that the President step down, the opposition now wants to convince the military to similarly withdraw its support for the Arroyo administration by staging more and bigger rallies to be attended by a target crowd of one million.

"So the challenge is to have one million in the streets. If we can do that, we have a good chance," former Agrarian Reform Secretary Horacio "Boy" Morales, UNO executive council member, said in a press conference at the Quezon City Sports Club.

Morales said that the "caretaker council" would be responsible for holding new elections and overhauling the judiciary, Congress and other government institutions.

"We see the need to have credible elections and the caretaker council will do this. Ultimately, it is the people going to elections who will decide the leadership of the country. But in the meantime, there will be an OIC," he said.

Morales said the opposition was also studying whether to file an impeachment complaint against De Castro in Congress for his alleged cheating in the last elections.

Former Sen. Loren Legarda said that De Castro, her rival in the last elections, should also resign since having him as President meant having the same people who are currently in power.

"It will not change the picture. It is like jumping from the frying pan into the fire. It must be the tandem, because tandem fraud was committed and so that tandem must step down," Legarda said.

On Friday, former President Corazon Aquino, 10 members of the President's Cabinet and the Makati Business Club joined the clamor for Ms Arroyo to step down. Religious groups, lawyers and educators earlier sought her resignation.

But the military has so far remained neutral.

Morales noted that Armed Force Chief of Staff Efren Abu's statements after 10 members of the Cabinet resigned did not include a categorical statement of support for the administration.

"If you look at the statement of General Abu, he did not say that he's supporting the government. He said he will protect the people. That's a good indication of how the military will act," Morales said.

But Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile noted that the opposition had tried to launch massive rallies but failed. He said UNO should have a plan and see if there were enough groups to pressure the President out of office.

"I want to know what is it that you have to convince me to join such an adventure. Because once I join, I commit my life to it. You cannot do a revolution without committing yourself to die. If you are not willing to die, do not talk about revolution," he said..

As this developed, some members of the opposition now fear that the elite might become the main beneficiaries should Ms Arroyo be ousted from power.

San Juan Mayor JV Ejercito said that members of the "elite" have joined the call for the President to resign and might become the main beneficiaries when it was UNO that worked hard for the President's removal.

"The problem is we started the fight. We were the ones who labored hard for many years. *Miting ng miting. Ngayon nakita nilang medyo me liwanag, sumakay na ang grupo ni* Cory and civil society (We have been meeting. Now that the picture is becoming clearer, Cory's group and civil society decided to join)" Ejercito told his party mates.

He said UNO should organize and be unified to show that it is the dominant force among the many groups calling for the President's resignation.

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P150-B fowl industry moves fast to contain bird flu

THE PHILIPPINES, the only poultry-producing Asian country not to have been affected by bird flu, announced on Friday its first case of the disease on a backyard duck and chicken farm in Calumpit, Bulacan.

But Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap said that what was detected was the low-risk H5 strain, not the deadly H59N1 strain of the avian flu virus that has killed 54 people of 154 infected in Asia so far.

Officials said the strain, which was found in some *balut* (fertilized duck eggs) that were being routinely tested in preparation for export, was not deadly to humans.

As a precautionary measure, Yap said poultry exports, mainly to Japan, the market for most Philippine poultry exports, would be temporarily halted.

The domestic poultry industry, which employs 300,000 people, is composed of large commercial raisers and backyard farms which take sub-contracting work from the big players.

Commercial raisers like San Miguel Foods Corp., RFM-Swift Foods Corp., Robina Farms, Tyson AgroVentures and Vitarich Corp. said a worker in their poultry farms or hatchery is required to take as many as three full baths before entering the facility.

"In processing operations, workers' hands are disinfected every 30 minutes to ensure food safety," explained Rita Imelda Palabyab, president of the Philippine Association of Broiler Integrators.

Sub-contractor backyard farms are also required to adhere to these sanitary specifications, said Palabyab, who is also vice president in San Miguel Foods.

"Proper uniforms are required in all facilities, no visitors are allowed in farms and plant visitors must conform to strict guidelines. Only the general manager approves the entry of visitors, including customers," she added.

Palabyab said the implementation of these sanitary measures was particularly critical in backyard and small holding farms in the face of the discovery that avian flu was now in the country.

"There must be proper disinfection and rest period between flocks. Proper disposal of dead birds by burning or burying are also required," notes Palabyab.

She said the industry has recommended that the government establish compartmentalized poultry zones that would allow avian flu-free areas in the country to continue trading in the export market.

"The local industry hopes to resume shipment of fresh frozen chicken to Japan. We hope the industry surpasses this," said Palabyab.

The poultry zones would need proper endorsement to the Paris-based Organization Internationale des Epizooties of the World Health Organization.

Palabyab said the compartmentalized zones would be determined by natural geographic boundaries and/or single entry-exit to other compartments.

Government agencies would have to build surveillance databases to include a survey of all poultry holdings, including the fowl population. The surveillance group will also conduct random tests of broilers.

Movement between zones of live poultry and its by-products will be regulated through issuance of health certificates and shipping permits.

Health Secretary Francisco Duque said the identification of the strain found in Calumpit was still incomplete but stressed the government "must do everything to ensure H5N1 does not enter the country."

Blood samples from the farm in Calumpit were collected and sent to a laboratory in Australia for further testing. Results on the specific strain are expected within a week, said Yap.

Yap said the H5 virus could have been brought into the country by migratory birds which go to the Candaba swamp in Pampanga.

The Calumpit farm where the balut was sourced is close to the Candaba swamp.

Yap said there were clear indications that some domestic ducks and free-range poultry have mixed with migratory birds in the wetlands or marshes.

Yap said the agriculture and health departments have imposed a 3-km quarantine zone around the affected area, and implemented the immediate culling of affected flocks.

The big commercial poultry farms and small- to medium-scale raisers which make up the United Broiler Raisers Association (Ubra) are far from the affected area.

The flu strain in the Calumpit farm, that raised ducks and chicken, was detected through a series of laboratory tests that were completed on June 29.

"The owner wanted to export balut to Hong Kong and had the duck's eggs submitted to a routine check, as part of international standards in bird flu prevention. This is how we learned the disease contamination," he said. *Christine Gaylican*

A Way Out. A Way Forward.

Are there leaders who can offer a way out of the current crisis?
Are there leaders who can offer a way forward?

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RP nurse hailed for returning $2.6M to bank

By Jerome Aning

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Employment yesterday lauded a Filipino nurse in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, who quickly returned 10 million riyals (about $2.6 million, or P150 million) that was erroneously credited to her bank account.

"The entire Filipino nation, and especially the nearly eight million Filipino migrant workers worldwide, are truly proud of your honest deed," DOLE Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas told Filipino nurse Melitza Anne Chan, 27, assistant to the dental department chief of the Marabi Hospital in Jeddah.

Chan, a native of Manduriao, Iloilo, discovered the 10 million riyals in her account while applying for a visa to the United Kingdom last week, according to labor attache Bulyok Nilong, head of the Philippine Overseas Labor Office in Jeddah.

Nilong said Chan rushed back to the Saudi-Hollande Bank in Jeddah to inform it about the error.

The labor attache said the erroneous entry was traced to a typographical error committed by the bank. Saudi-Hollande had credited the amount on February 2005 but did not detect it until it was informed by Chan.

Chan learned of the error only after the British consulate in Jeddah informed her it could not accept her bank statement because of the huge amount in her account.

Sto. Tomas said Chan's honesty "does tremendous honor to the overseas Filipino workers validating their innate honesty, quality, trustworthiness and reliability in the global economy."

Nilong said Polo and the Philippine Consul-General Pendosina Lomondot, together with Chan's employers at the hospital, have acknowledged the nurse's honest deed.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, July 10, 2005
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: **Isaiah 55:10-11**

God's word is creative
Thus says the Lord:
As the rain and the snow come down
from the heavens and do not return
till they have watered the earth,
making it yield seed for the sower
and food for others to eat,
so is my word that goes forth out of my mouth:
it will not return to me idle,
but it shall accomplish my will,
the purpose for which it has been sent.

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:18-23**

Straining in hope for a new creation

Brothers and sisters: "I consider that the suffering of our present life cannot be compared with the Glory that will be revealed and given to us. All creation is eagerly expecting the birth in glory of the children of God. For if now the created world was unable to attain its purpose, this did not come from itself, but from the one who subjected it. But it is not without hope; for even the created world will be freed from this fate of death and share the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pangs of birth. Not creation alone, but even ourselves, although the Spirit was given to us as a foretaste of what we are to receive, we groan in our innermost being, eagerly awaiting the day when God will give us full rights and rescue our bodies as well.

Gospel: **Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9**

A seed that bears fruit

Jesus left the house and sat down by the lakeside. As many people gathered around him, he got in a boat. There he sat while the whole crowd stood on the shore, and he spoke to them in parables about many things.

Jesus said, "The sower went out to sow and, as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground where there was little soil, and the seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was not deep. But as soon the sun rose the plants were scorched and withered because they had no roots. Again other seeds fell among thistles; and the thistles grew and choked the plants. Still other seeds fell on good soil and produced a crop; some produced a hundredfold, others sixty and others thirty. If you have ears, then hear!"

Commentary

Jesus sits and teaches the crowds by the lake. He talks of seed sown, broadside that falls everywhere: on the path that's eaten by birds, among thin soil and hard ground where it was scorched and among thistles where it's choked and finally in the field and there are crops—some one hundred fold, some sixty, others thirty! What a story! What potent seed! To produce such a crop—even thirty fold is massive returns—imagine an investment with a thirty-fold return in one year! Let alone one hundred! But where it falls, what the ground of hearts is like, makes a lot of difference. Even the birds will at least take it and drop it somewhere else. Some of us will sprout and sag. Others of us will not last without a lot of coddling. And even in a field, with a community where the Word is meant to fall—there will be a widespread spectrum of food for others-justice, bread, hope, life. How is our field doing? What are we coming up with when the seed of the Word of God is sown among us—only on Sunday—very thin. It needs to be sown liberally weekly in small groups and nurtured for conversion and harvest.

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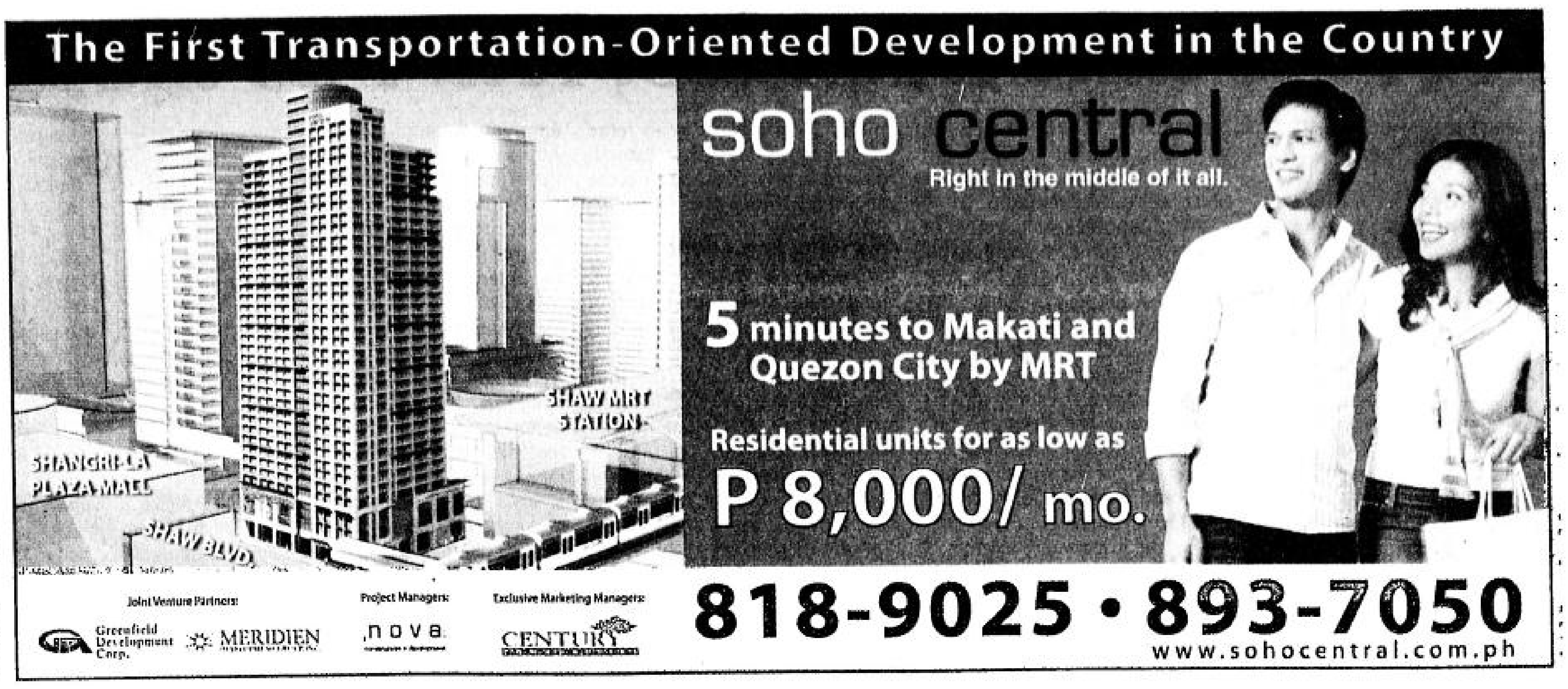
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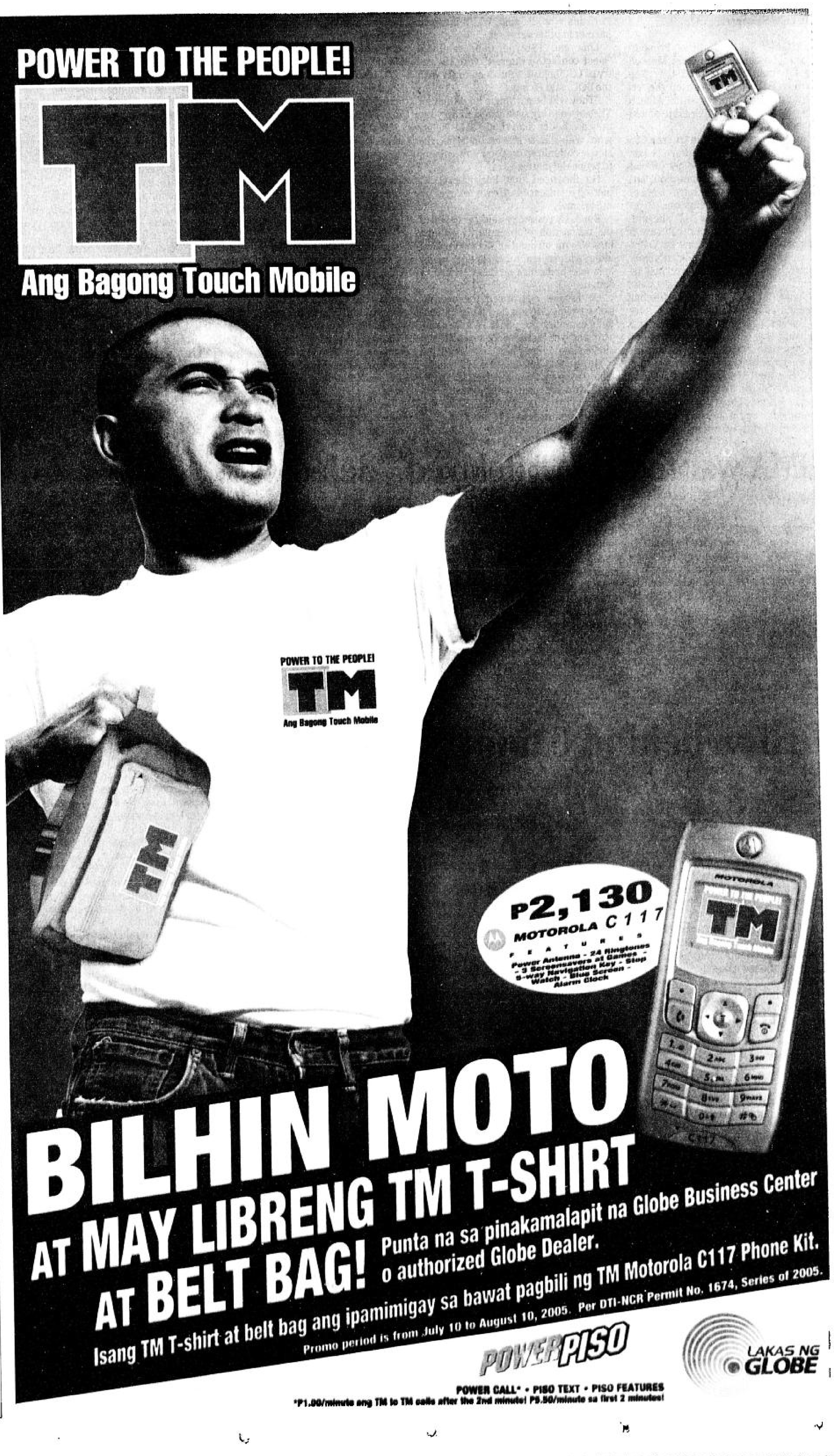
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AFP: We take no sides; leave us alone

By Dona Pazzibugan and Luige A. del Puerto

ARMED Forces chief of Staff Gen. Efren Abu yesterday called for a peaceful resolution of the nation's political impasse and appealed to all sectors to refrain from urging the military to take sides in the conflict.

Director General Arturo Lomibao of the Philippine National Police echoed Abu's non-intervention position in a separate statement distributed nationwide yesterday.

"The political impasse that we are now in should be resolved politically and peacefully," Adu said in a "statement to the nation" broadcast on radio. "The AFP will not in any manner participate in any extra-constitutional resolution of the crisis," said Abu.

"We ... appeal to all sectors of society to refrain from calling on the AFP to take sides. The AFP should be allowed to follow the path to professionalism and to remain apolitical," he added.

The commander of the 110,000-strong military has resisted calls by various groups to withdraw support from President Macapaga- Arroyo as key Cabinet members, political and business allies abandoned her in the face of allegations she cheated in last year's election.

Abu took over the armed forces on Oct. 29. He was due to retire this month but Ms Arroyo extended his term until mid-August in the wake of the "Gloriagate" scandal.

Alarming precedent

"Incidents in the past have set an alarming precedent regarding changes in leadership," said Abu, referring to the ouster of presidents Ferdinand Marcos and Joseph Estrada. "We should learn from history and implement new solutions," Abu said.

Abu had insisted the military was "solidly" behind Ms Arroyo but following the mass resignation of 10 key aides of the President on Friday and a subsequent emergency command conference Abu said the military would not intervene in the controversy.

"From our end, we will strictly adhere to the rule of law as enshrined in our Constitution. I will not tolerate violation of the law and disregard for military rules and regulations," Abu said in his statement yesterday.

The apparent turnaround came amid reports of grumbling among junior officers over perceptions that the military was involved in rigging past presidential elections.

Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, a former military chief, has disclosed that a number of junior officers and some generals are threatening to resign or go on leave en masse unless the military officials who allegedly conspired with the President to rig last year's vote are investigated.

In his statement, Lomibao urged his men: "We must resist all temptations or invitations by vested interest groups that undermine our adherence to the chain of command and diminish our professionalism as officers of the law."

Resist temptations

"Our pledge of service clearly defines our course of action in times like these: To stand united and remain loyal to the Constitution, to the duly constituted and to the Republic of the Philippines. In this light, we continue to serve and stand by our president and commander in chief," the PNP chief said.

"The call of the times is for every law enforcer to respect and uphold the rule of law, which is the very essence of our service. The tradition of undaunted service and unflinching loyalty set the tone for us all to stand tall and work together as one PNP," Lomibao said.

Lt. Col. Restituto Padilla, the Philippine Air Force spokesperson, said the military had become a "stability factor" in these uncertain times. He said "the AFP has matured enough and and has learned so many things from previous events."

With a report from Nikko Dizon

Pichay accuses Lina, Parayno of corruption

By Michael Lim Ubac and Leila Salaverria

SURIGAO del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay, Eastern Samar Rep. Marcelino Libanan and Bacolod City Rep. Monico Puentevella accused the "triumvirate" of Cesar Purisima, Alberto Lina and Guillermo Parayno of corruption.

At a press conference in Quezon City, Pichay, Libanan and Puentevella condemned the resigned Cabinet officials for displaying a "holier-than-thou" attitude although they themselves were allegedly tainted with corruption.

Pichay et al. bared an allegedly anomalous contract with the Bureau of Customs (BOC) worth some P100 million every year with LGC Logistics, Inc., a company incorporated by Lina, resigned Customs Commissioner, and Parayno, resigned Bureau of Internal Revenue commissioner.

The lawmakers released documents showing that although both Lina and Parayno had claimed to have already divested themselves of their interests in LGC Logistics, Lina should have never accepted the top BOC post considering that at least 18 Lina-owned companies continued to do business with the BOC.

Pichay said the position was offered to Lina by resigned Finance Secretary Purisima who, he said, was a business partner in other ventures.

Lina and Parayno then exhibited "clear conflict of interest" with the entry of LGC Logistics into a contract with the BOC, said Pichay.

"They will be earning a lot of money. They are one big syndicate and they say they are holier-than-thou," said Pichay who will file a resolution with the House committee on good government to probe the matter.

He theorized that Purisima et al. plotted to unseat Ms Arroyo to cover up the anomaly.

But Lina yesterday said he believed the accusation of irregularity against him was an offshoot of his resignation along with several other Cabinet members who had called on the president to resign.

He further questioned the accusation's timing, saying he had been customs commissioner since February this year and yet Pichay only revealed the alleged anomalies yesterday.

He also said he had divested from the Lina Group of Companies (LGC Logistics)before accepting the customs' portfolio and that he was willing to face the charges against him.

He came out with one of his own charges.

In an interview over dzBB, Lina said Pichay had met with him several times and had tried to get him to put his people at the Bureau of Customs.

"I was unable to accommodate (Pichay's) request. We can face each other now, I can say it pointblank to his face," he said.

He said the LGC's books were open to scrutiny and dared Pichay to produce documents against him.

Lina also said reiterated yesterday that he was still working as customs commissioner and will continue to do so until he is replaced.

Documents

Documents provided to the INQUIRER showed that BOC issued Customs Administrative Order 2-2005 containing the rules and regulations governing the use of LGC Logistics Inc., as an inland clearance depot on Feb. 10, 2005, a few days before the compulsory retirement of former Customs Commissioner George Jereos, and days after it was announced that Lina would be the incoming commissioner.

The said memorandum was patterned after a draft submitted by LGC Logistics which established a Customs-PEZA Clearance Office, converting it into a one-stop shop and thus giving special treatment and monopoly to LGC in the PEZA-Calabarzon area, to the detriment of other public warehouses, said Pichay.

He said the documents detailing the deal were furnished him by a month ago by disgruntled BOC personnel who also revealed that Lina and his cargo handling and customs brokerage businesses were allegedly enjoying "preferential treatment" with regards shipment clearances.

He said he had taken up the matter with Lina, who had pledged to rescind the contract to remove any taint of conflict of interest.

"But as of yesterday, he hasn't canceled the anomalous contract yet," said Pichay.

"I remember the customs commissioner assured me he would resolve the issue and return that aspect of the operation back to the bureau. But he also expressed reluctance and admitted that LGC stood to make P100 million a year from its contract. I do not know if he has made good on his promise, but what is clear here is that Mr. Lina is not shy to make money off of government, even in the very office he heads," said Pichay.

GMA wanted e-VAT delayed, 'defectors' claim

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starting next year.

The economic team, led by the DOF, has issued encouraging projections that the national government could finally wipe out its huge budget deficit as early as 2008, with the e-VAT law in place.

With the e-VAT's suspension, however, Purisima said the government stood to lose P4 billion to P5 billion monthly, or P130 million to P165 million daily, in potential revenues.

The expectation of having a zero deficit by 2008 would also have to be pushed back, he said. "When I accepted the job, the question I had was why our country is poor, considering that it is rich in natural and human resources," Purisima said. "I realized that it was because our government was posting huge losses that required regular borrowings."

"Political will, therefore, was needed to raise revenues for the government."

The e-VAT law was a fiscal reform measure that was criticized by some sectors because of its effects on the purchasing power of consumers.

"She (Ms Arroyo) expressed desire to delay the VAT, saying she was concerned with price impact. But that was why we came up with mitigating measures," Purisima said.

One of the mitigating measures included the reduction of tariff on imported oil from 5 to 3 percent, the DOF said.

Purisima has supposedly been telling friends privately that he suspected Ms Arroyo of influencing the Supreme Court in suspending implementation of the e-VAT measure.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez flatly denied that Ms Arroyo had done any such a thing.

Santos also said that some of the programs he and the others were asking Ms Arroyo to initiate involved the reorganization of the Commission on Elections and continued government efforts to get the contested San Miguel Corp. shares alleged to have been bought by industrialist Danding Cojuangco using coco levy funds.

Commenting on Purisima's statements about Ms Arroyo, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said: "It's not fair for him to say that against the President. As President, she always has the interest of the country at heart and I think his suspicion on the e-VAT has no basis."

Drilon behind Cabinet 'coup,' says Palace

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Senate President Franklin Drilon, president of the Liberal Party branded the allegations as absolutely baseless.

Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima and nine other government officials resigned on Friday and urged Ms Arroyo to herself step down, claiming she had lost her credibility and ability to govern.

A Malacañang official, who refused to be named, said Drilon was one of Purisima's confidants. "He was the first person Purisima called when the Supreme Court issued the TRO on the E-Vat," the official said.

There's no conspiracy," Purisima declared when asked about the LP's involvment in the Cabinet resignations.

Hyatt meeting

Drilon was at the Hyatt Regency Hotel meeting with a group of Cabinet officials on the eve of their call for Ms Arroyo to resign, according to a Palace source.

Another source who claimed to be privy to the Hyatt meeting said Drilon was present when the Cabinet officials discussed their plan to call for Ms Arroyo to step down.

But the same source said Drilon did not say much during the discussions.

"He listened to the discussions," said the source

Aside from the 10 officials—Purisima, ex-Education Secretary Florencio Abad, DSWD Secretary Dinkly Soliman, Trade Secretary Juan Santos, Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin, National Anti-Poverty Commiossion Secretary Imelda Nicolas, Agrarian Reform Secretary Rene Villa, Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Teresita Quintos-Deles, Internal Revenue Commissioner Guillermo Paryano and Customs Commissioner Alberto Lina—present with Drilon at the Hyatt meeting were Labor Secretary Pat Sto. Tomas and Energy Secretary Raphael Lotilla.

Sto. Tomas and Lotilla left the hotel afterwards with Boncodin while the rest slept at the hotel. It was Purisima who invited the group to stay at the hotel

The source said Drilon had previously met with the group when he hosted breakfast for them more than three weeks ago.

That breakfast meeting saw the group talking about their discussions with President Arroyo in another meeting.

On the night the group gathered at the Hyatt, one of the things that were discussed was the trip made by Purisima and Abad to Hong Kong to see De Castro, who was also there ostensibly to celebrate his 56th birthday.

The source said that another source had mentioned the trip involved "convincing De Castro to take over after the President resigned."

Yesterday Abad admitted that he and Purisima did go to Hong Kong last weekend to tip off De Castro about their plan to quit the Cabinet.

But they claimed they only asked De Castro if he was ready to take on the presidency.

Abad recalled that De Castro was surprised by their plan and said he needed more time to think.

Before July 5, the source also said the "Hyatt 10" also met with former President Corazon Aquino and some Catholic bishops to discuss about their call for Ms Arroyo to step down.

Sequence of events

The INQUIRER sources said that the sequence of events on Friday showed the hand of LP Drilon faction in the resignation upheaval. *(The LP has split; story on Page A2.)*

"The resignation was meant to light the fuse and the LP allies were supposed to follow through on an hourly basis after the announcement," a source from the business community said.

An hour after Purisima and his colleagues announced their resignations and called on Ms Arroyo to give way to Vice President Noli de Castro, Drilon held a press conference of his own and also urged her to step down, the source noted.

Soon after, the source said, former President Corazon Aquino and the Makati Business Club joined in the chorus of voices asking for the President's resignation.

The source said that when their calls failed to ignite a People Power-like protest similar to Edsa I and II in 1986, the LP group realized that its plan had fizzled out.

The source claimed Drilon, Aquino and the MBC were motivated by personal goals in seeking the President's ouster: Drilon was angling to become Vice President in a De Castro administration; Ms. Aquino wanted to boost the political stock of her son, Noynoy, who has supposedly set his eyes on eventually running for vice president; and an MBC official allegedly with a personal grudge with a government financing instituion in connection with a boardroom struggle in one of the country's largest bank, Equitable-PCI Banking Corp.

Drilon snaps back

"This is part of the political intrigue. There is absolutely no truth to that," Drilon told the INQUIRER.

"How could I engineer the resignation of eight Cabinet members who, except for Abad and Rene Villa are not affiliated with the party?"

As regards to allegations against Cory Aquino, Drilon said: "They should know better than that."

The official claimed there had been reports that the LP group identified with Drilon had initially wanted to push for the resignation of both the President and the Vice President to pave the way for a snap elections.

But since this route could run into a constitutional roadblock, the source said the LP faction felt the ascension of De Castro to a vacant presidency was the best option.

De Castro denied he had made a deal with political leaders who had expressed support for his accession to the presidency.

"I strongly deny that I have made an agreement with anyone as a result of recent political developments. My agreement is only with the people," he said.

Aside from Purisima and Santos, the other resigned Cabinet members also spoke to reporters for the first time yesterday to explain their decision to leave the government.

They said the President's credibility was already tainted, and that her focus was already on how to survive politically not how to pursue the reform programs.

"Regardless of what the truth is, the President's credibility has been severely damaged so that hardly anything could be accomplished. The reform program is there but not taking the priority which we thought it deserves," said Deles.

"It has come to a point where the President can no longer govern. She was now preoccupied with trying to preserve the presidency rather than govern the nation," Villa said.

The ex-Cabinet members said they were frustrated that some of the government's reform programs could not take off as they wanted them to because of the "compromises" that the President had to make.

They did not want to elaborate, saying they were bound by confidentiality.

With reports from Michelle V. Remo

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in Manila. At the time, I knew that the presidency won't last another day if nothing drastic was instituted to arrest the rapid erosion of her power base," said Bukidnon Rep. Juan Miguel Zubiri.

"It is by divine providence that everything fell in the right place at the right time," said Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita in the first Cabinet press briefing following the most harrowing 24 hours of Ms Arroyo's life at Malacañang. "Former President Ramos saw a good opportunity to show that he is fully at the back of the President," Ermita said.

"Everybody knows Ramos. He has the backing of active and retired military generals. He is credible in the eyes of the international community, having been a favorite US ally who succeeded in turning the economy around during his term," said the lawmaker.

Ramos was a former AFP chief of staff and defense secretary who is considered a hero of Edsa I.

As president emeritus of Lakas, Ramos had the ears of many powerful political families who control the House of Representatives and many local government posts, he said.

As proof that the "Cabinet coup" had already fizzled, Ms Arroyo and Ramos motored to Sulo Hotel to drop in during the party caucus, flashing the thumbs up signs. It was the first time she left Malacañang this week.

Defining moment

"This is our defining moment," said Zubiri, who acted as the emcee, following Ramos' call for Lakas members and the country at large to "join the ship of the state" instead of destroying it.

What's the quid pro quo?

"We feel that the President is the only person who can constitutionally effect lasting and meaningful changes in the Constitution through Charter change," said Zubiri.

"Lakas is for changing the system. The problem is not the presidency but the system. You can put the Pope in Malacañang, and he will still fail because the system will make him fail. We believe that there has to be a wholesale systematic change of our setup and the President is the only one person at the moment who can do it and finally reform our country," said Zubiri.

When asked whether Ramos' action had the imprimatur of the party, he said: "He did it on his own to save the country."

Concessions?

Zubiri could not say whether Lakas, through Ramos, had asked concessions from Ms Arroyo. Ermita said Ramos did not seek any favors.

But it was evident that Ramos would now have his way in his efforts to move the nation from the presidential to the parliamentary system, said another Lakas lawmaker.

In the party caucus at Sulo Hotel, Ramos repeated his proposal before the Rotary Club of Manila on July 7 for the establishment of a seven-man high commission that would initiate changes in the fundamental law.

Saying the resignation of Ms Arroyo was not the solution to the current crisis, Ramos said the commission would be created through a joint congressional resolution "with full powers to prescribe policy reforms, executive actions and private endeavors."

Under the Ramos' timetable, once the commission is created, Congress will convene as a constituent assembly to effect necessary changes in the Constitution through December. An information campaign will follow in January, ratification of the charter in February and elections in May.

"It only means that Ms Arroyo will have to step down by May. That is the price she has to pay," said the lawmaker, stressing that Speaker Jose de Venecia or Ramos himself could become the next prime minister once the new parliament is formed.

Strong voice

The lawmakers hinted that Ramos—even without categorically asking anything from Ms Arroyo—effectively impressed upon her that he would have a strong voice in the months leading to the change of government.

"She will be a figurehead from now on," said the lawmaker.

Opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson said Ramos has become the "de facto president" running the government. Lacson said Ramos was sharing power with De Venecia, who threw his support behind Ms Arroyo at the critical moment Friday. De Venecia has been an active proponent of the move to the parliamentary system.

He said the commission proposed by Ramos was now functioning as "a sort of transition government" that would move the country to the parliamentary system.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. shared Lacson's view.

"The amend-the-Constitution proposal from Mr. Ramos is a mere smokescreen to cover Gloria's nakedness that reveals her total incapacity to govern and need to resign," Pimentel said.

With a report from Juliet Labog-Javellana, Gil Cabacungan Jr. and Christine O. Avendaño

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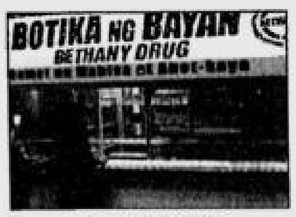
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- ANTIPOLO - Masinag Market
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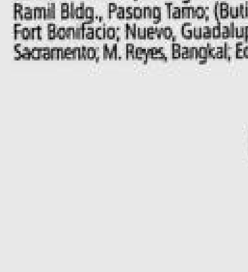
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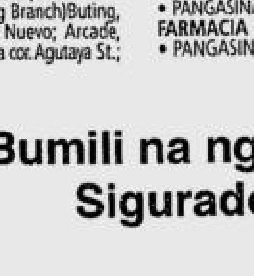
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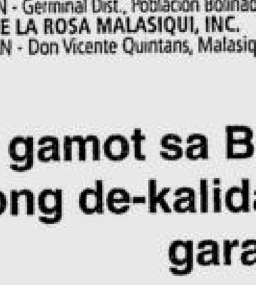
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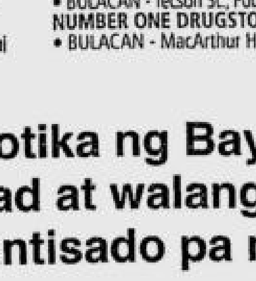
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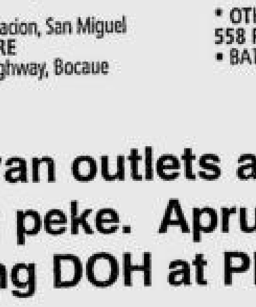
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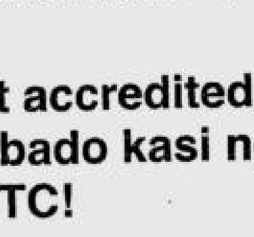
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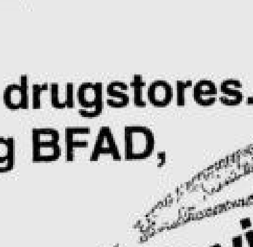
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Police yet to name any suspect as toll feared to pass 50

LONDON—Police investigating the London bomb blasts were Saturday probing extremist groups linked to al-Qaida as recovery teams tried to pull yet more bodies from a wrecked subway train, fearing the final death toll could climb well above the current 50.

Investigators have not as yet named any suspects in connection with the worst attack Britain has known since World War II.

However, some newspapers said police had asked European counterparts for information on Moroccan cleric Mohammed al Garbuzi, who lived in Britain for 16 years before vanishing from his north London home last year, reportedly to France.

Al Garbuzi, 45, heads the Moroccan Islamic Combatant Group (GICM), blamed for attacks that killed 45 people in the Moroccan city of Casablanca in May 2003.

The Independent said al Garbuzi was linked to Abu Qatada, a Palestinian cleric based in London who is considered the "spiritual head" of al-Qaida in Europe, and who is currently detained under British antiterrorism laws.

Another paper, the Sun, said police were also hunting Syrian-born Spanish national Mustafa Setmariam Nasar, thought to have links to a Spanish al-Qaida cell dismantled after the September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States.

According to several reports, Nasar lived in London between 1995 and 1998.

As the hunt continued, a second al-Qaida-linked group claimed responsibility for the blasts, three on London's underground rail system and one on a bus, in a statement on the Internet.

"A group of *mujahedeen* from a division of the Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigades piled blow after blow on the infidel capital, the British capital, leaving dead and injured," said the statement. Its authenticity could not be verified.

Shortly after Thursday's attacks a statement claiming responsibility was posted in the name of the "al-Qaida Organization—Jihad in Europe."

As one of the biggest British police probes ever mounted took shape, around 100 feet below the streets of London, a far more grisly investigation was continuing.

On Thursday morning when one bomb ripped apart a packed commuter bus and three others tore through carriages on the London Underground subway service, the worst havoc was wreaked on the underground's Piccadilly Line.

At least 21 people died when a bomb exploded on a train traveling between King's Cross and Russell Square stations in the city center, but some reports warned this toll could rise by as much as 20.

Such was the devastation that emergency services have not been able to get to all the six-carriage train, given that the tunnel is only marginally wider than the rolling stock on all sides.

Engineers were considering detaching some of the carriages and towing them back to King's Cross, allowing investigators better access to the worst-hit parts of the train, reports said.

Police have made no official comment on their investigation into the perpetrators other than to vow to bring them to justice.

London's Metropolitan Police would "bend every sinew" in hunting the bombers, London's police chief, Commissioner Ian Blair, told reporters at a Friday news conference.

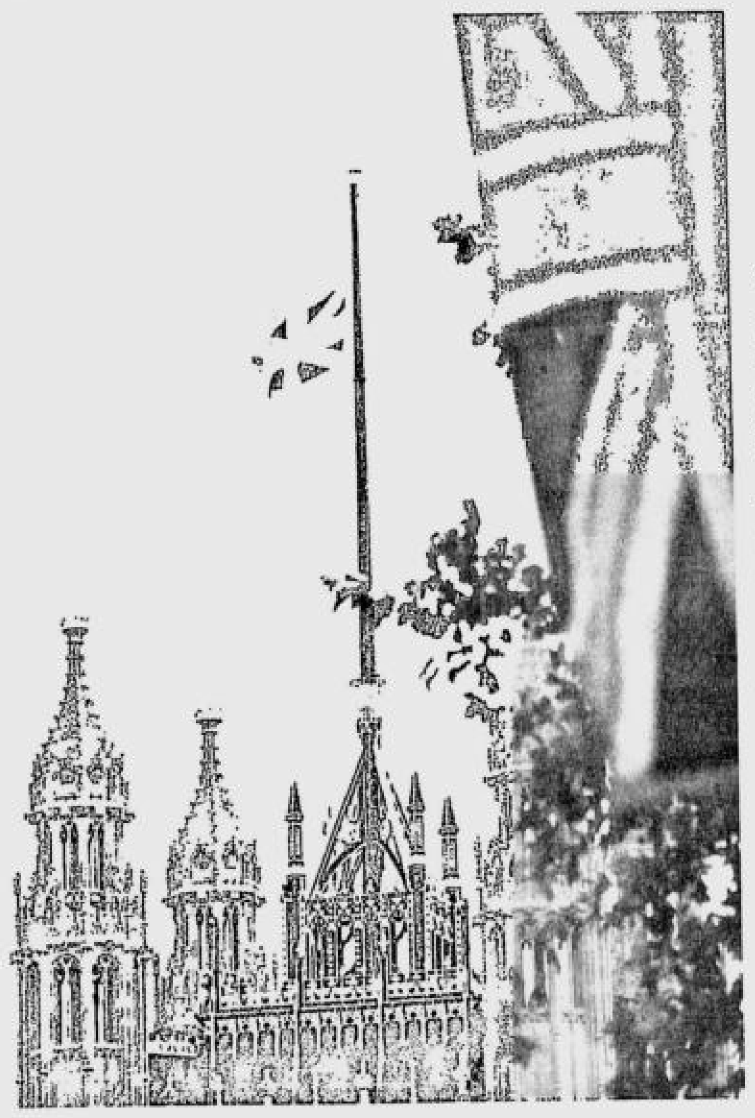
A key part of the investigation is likely to be the painstaking examination of hours of security camera footage, both on the underground and around Tavistock Square, where a bomb blew apart a Number 30 bus, killing at least 13 people.

British newspapers focused Saturday on the anguish of those whose loved ones are missing and feared to have been traveling on one of the ill-fated trains or the bus.

Much like in New York after the September 11, 2001 attacks, handwritten posters have sprung up at train stations as relatives appeal desperately for information.

For many newspapers, 20-year-old Shahara Islam has become a representative face of London's lost.

AFP



A UNION flag flies at half-staff over the Houses of Parliament in London, July 8 to commemorate victims of terrorist bombings in underground trains and a double-decker bus. AP

Flowers, stiff upper lip Brits' gritty response

By Chris Wright

LONDON—Flowers for the dead and a stiff upper lip comprised the essence of Londoners' gritty response to the bombings which defaced their city amid promises that the British capital's spirit will never be broken.

People young and old left flowers and wreaths as well as messages of condolence near the scenes of the carnage which followed the attacks on three Underground trains and a bus which together left at least 50 people dead and some 700 injured on Thursday.

A policeman clad in a fluorescent yellow jacket carefully placed flowers on Friday near where 13 people were killed on a number 30 bus at Tavistock Place in an explosion which ripped the roof off the double-decker vehicle, leaving it a mangled wreck.

On the day that head of state Queen Elizabeth II won plaudits for rushing to the hospital bedsides of some of the injured it was the spontaneously scribbled messages of shock and concern which underscored the poignancy of the tragedy.

"You think you will defeat us?" one such note left at Kings Cross station, where at least 21 people died, asked of the bombers.

"Let me take you by the hand and lead you through the streets of London. I'll show you something to make you change your mind," the handwritten note continued.

Nearby, a person signing himself simply "a muslim" had written: "Deeply shocked and heartbroken."

Floral tributes by the dozen were laid near all four sites where as yet unknown fanatics visited death and destruction upon ordinary commuters from all races and faiths who were going about their daily lives.

At St. Pancras' Church, near where the bus was blown apart at Tavistock Place, someone had written out a message to the bombers in capital letters.

"Yesterday we fled this great city, but today we are walking back into an even stronger, greater city."

AFP

Hurricane Dennis pummels Havana, heads for Florida

HAVANA—Deadly hurricane Dennis pummeled Havana into the early morning hours on Saturday, uprooting trees and leaving the city's 2.2 million people in darkness after earlier killing 32 people in southeastern Cuba and Haiti.

The storm weakened as it crossed Cuba from a ferocious Category 4 hurricane on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale to a less severe Category 1, but its 110-mph winds still screamed through the deserted streets of the Cuban capital, where many live in decrepit colonial buildings.

Residents said trees were plucked from the ground.

The US National Hurricane Center in Miami said Dennis—the strongest hurricane recorded so early in an Atlantic storm season—would strengthen again on Saturday as it reemerged over warm open water and skipped south of the Florida Keys.

Thousands of tourists and residents were evacuated from the vulnerable and low-lying island chain at the southern tip of the Florida peninsula, and many more prepared to leave coastal homes along the US Gulf Coast, where Dennis was expected to land on Sunday evening.

Natural gas and oil production was also curtailed as oil platforms in the US Gulf, where a quarter of US crude and natural gas comes from, were evacuated.

Cuban authorities had evacuated more than 600,000 people in different parts of the country as Dennis approached the southern city of Cienfuegos. But the measures, which usually allow the communist island to escape hurricane strikes with minimal casualties, failed to prevent 10 deaths on Thursday night.

Cuban President Fidel Castro said most of the victims died in collapsed houses in two coastal towns in Granma province. An 18-day-old baby was among those who died, he said on state television, calling the hurricane a "diabolical force."

Officials said 15,400 of the adjacent towns' 20,000 homes were destroyed or damaged. Television images showed rows of clapboard houses flattened by the storm.

On Friday, gusts of up to 149 mph also caused extensive damage in Cienfuegos, where the storm made landfall.

Reuters

Brazil forces cut in price of AIDS drug

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil—Brazil's Health Ministry on Friday reached a deal with Abbott Laboratories Inc. to cut the price of the Kaletra AIDS drug after the country threatened last month to break the patent.

In a statement, Brazil's Health Ministry quoted former Health Minister Humberto Costa, who led the negotiations with Illinois-based Abbott, as saying the agreed price would be "comparable" to the price of similar generic medicine made in India and local production.

Abbott said the deal did not specify the per-pill price.

"Essentially, they are getting volume discounts," said Abbott spokesperson Melissa Brotz, explaining the agreement allowed the government to increase significantly the number of patients treated while holding spending at current levels over the next few years.

"We're pleased to have reached an agreement that expanded access to Kaletra for Brazilian patients and preserved our intellectual property rights which Abbott was not willing to negotiate," she said.

Brazil has in the past reached similar agreements with pharmaceutical companies after threatening to break patents, but it has never effectively broken any.

The United Nations has lauded Brazil's AIDS prevention and treatment program, which provides free drugs for people with the disease and saves the government money by keeping them out of public hospitals. The program is expected to have 170,000 drug recipients this year.

The ministry said the price reduction would occur over the next six years. It said Abbott would also start transferring the technology to Brazil in 2009 so the local laboratory, FarManguinhos, could make the drug in Brazil.

Canada and the United States considered breaking patents on some antibiotics during the anthrax scare in 2001.

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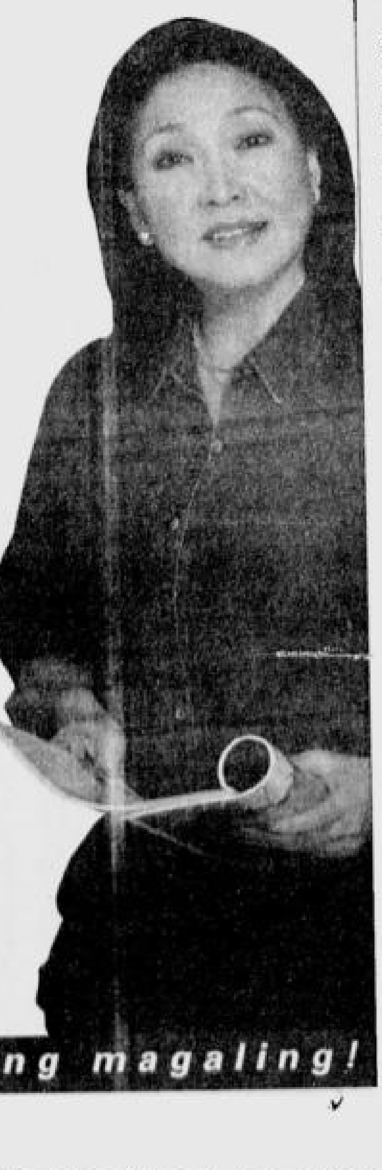

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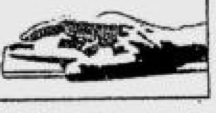

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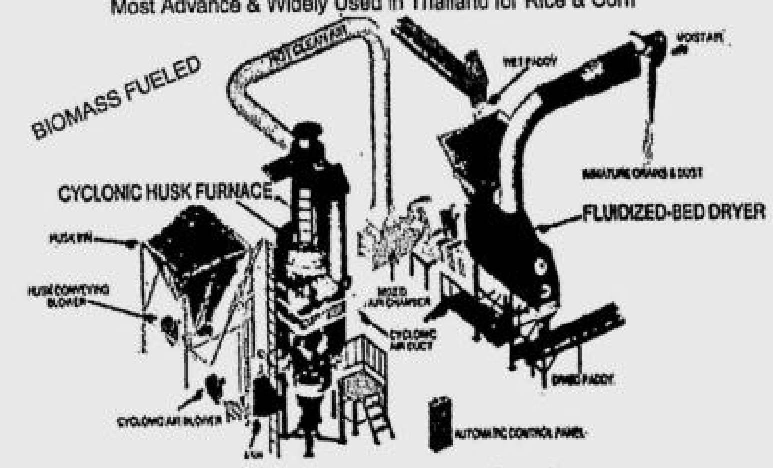

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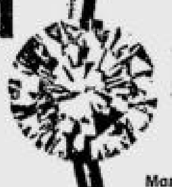

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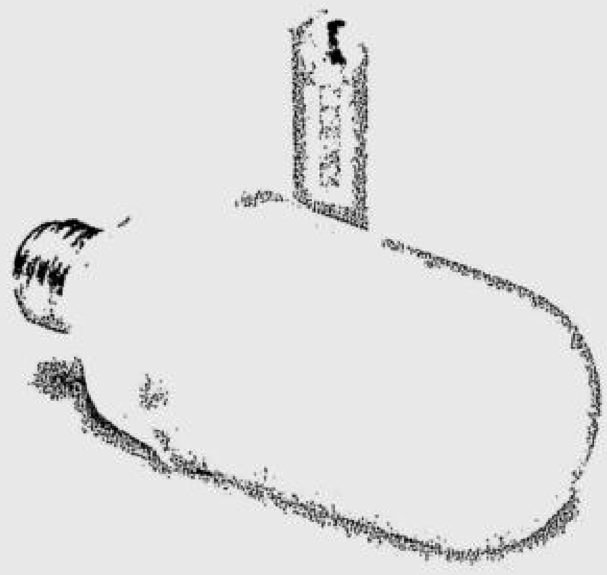

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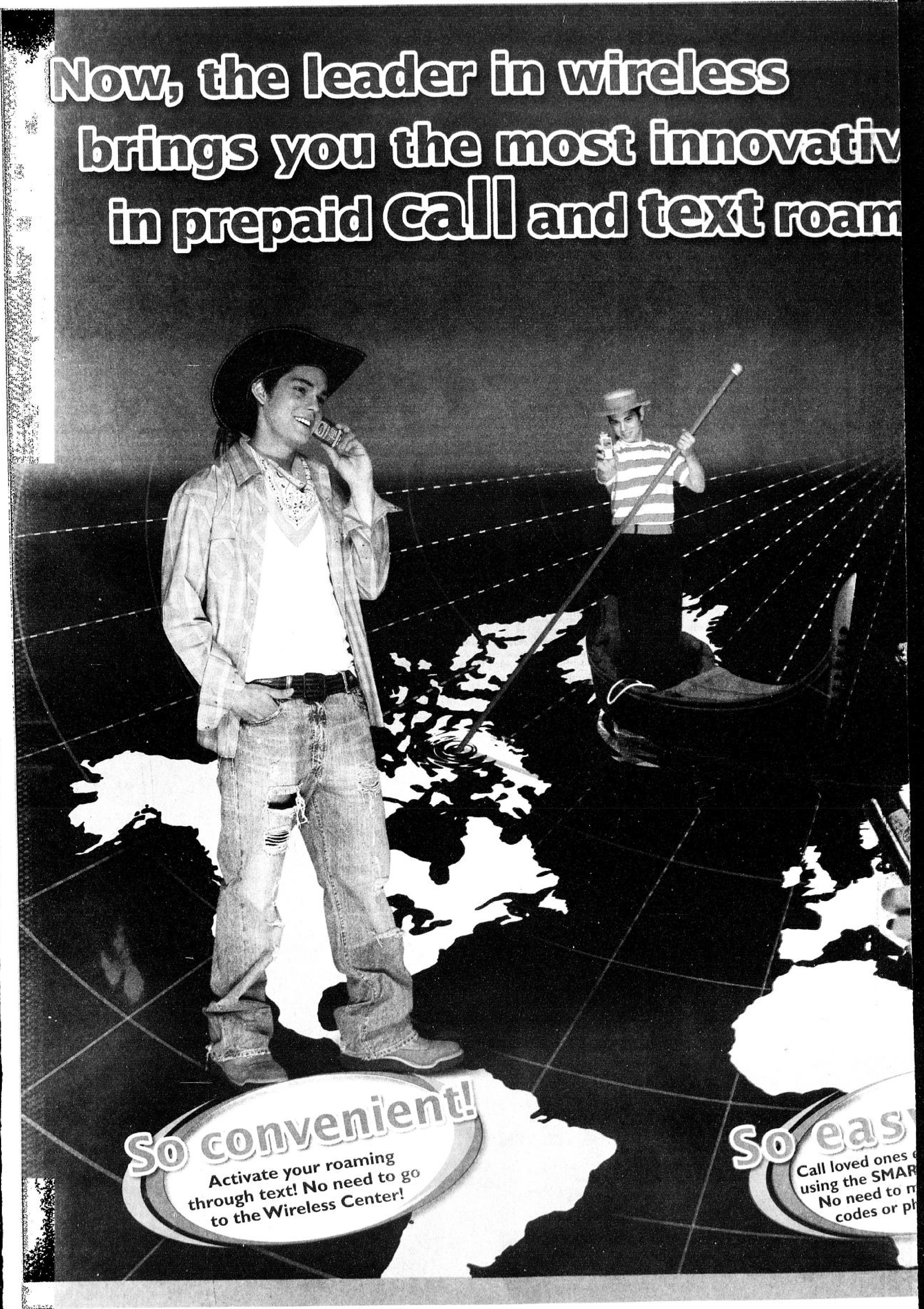
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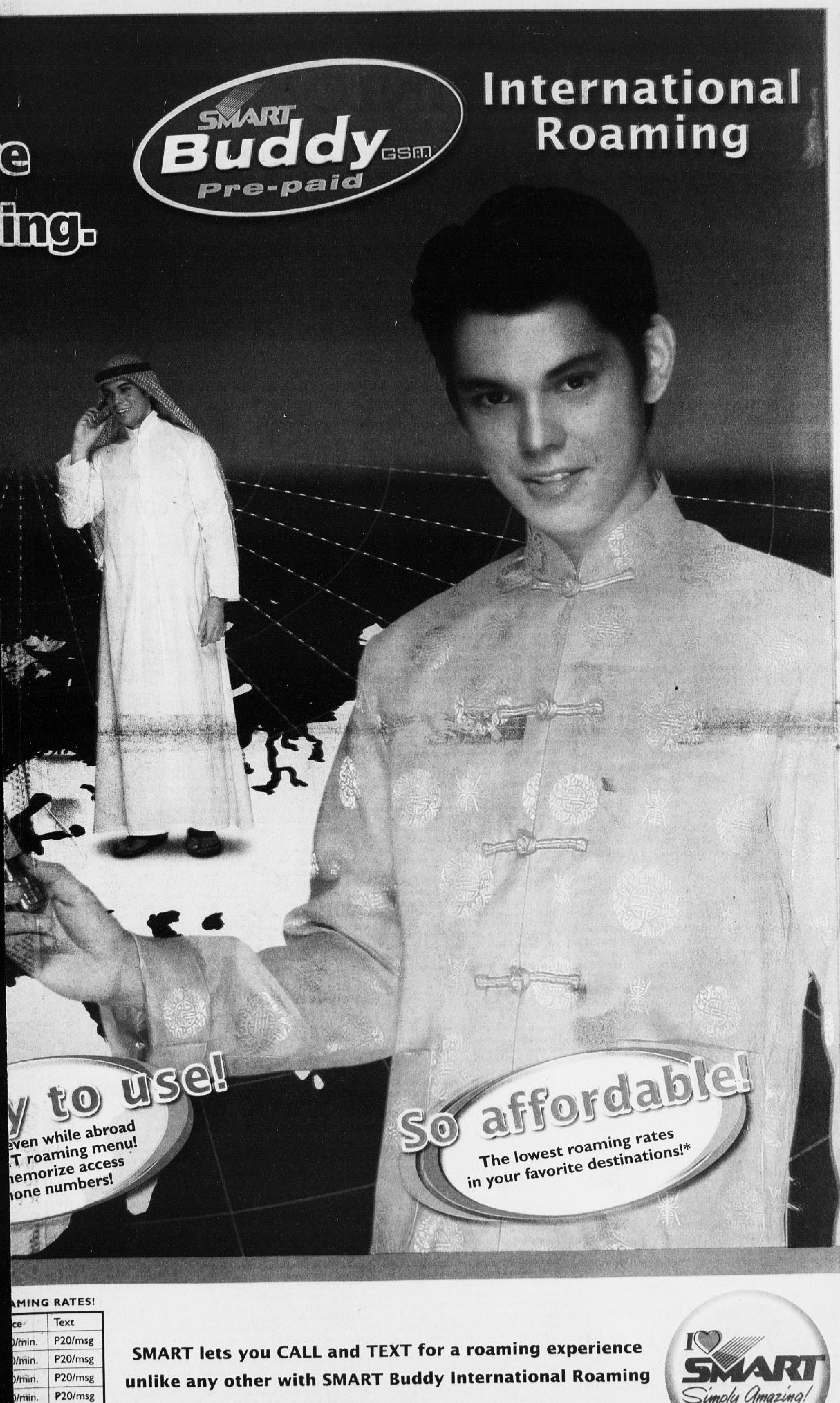
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In the barracks

EDITORIAL

THE MILITARY, like nature, abhors a vacuum. In the depths of the current political crisis, we must be careful not to tempt the armed services to leave the barracks and rush into the public square. How do we do that? By containing the crisis within the constitutional process.

If a million people gathered in Edsa, and that gathering were mirrored in other parts of the country, then Gen. Efren Abu might be constrained to do in July 2005 what Gen. Angelo Reyes did in January 2001. But that moment of truth for the chief of staff of the Armed Forces is nowhere on the horizon.

Public knowledge of the allegations against President Macapagal-Arroyo, that she instructed an election official to commit election fraud, is broad; public outrage, however, as it is traditionally measured (that is, by people voting with their feet), is much more muted. Street rallies, especially the kind conducted by the tactical alliance of the militant Left and the heirs of Joseph Estrada, remain a non-factor.

This makes the political situation even more ambiguous, and the very lack of clarity has emboldened the usual suspects, yet again, to try to provoke specific military units to enter the political fray. Remarkably, in the emergency command conference he convened on Friday, Abu admitted as much.

"I am aware of the efforts by some persons, some of them former military, to give a new meaning to what is true professionalism. They are busy enticing some of our personnel to use their units, their office, their uniforms, to express a political preference in the realm that belongs to politicians."

Abu did not name names, but the list of ambitious or adventurous former military men articulate enough to redefine what it means to be a professional soldier is not a long one.

"Let us re-establish the noble tradition of military professionalism by insulating our officers and men from politics. We owe it to the future generation," Abu told the country's most senior military officers.

Abu's remarks, however, caught the media's attention for another reason: By carefully measuring his words, he seemed to be distancing himself from the President at the very same time he renewed his pledge to defend the Constitution.

"The call by various parties for the President to resign in view [of] alleged wrongdoing is now undergoing a constitutional process that is legal and within the democratic processes our nation lives," he said. Then he added: "We respect the freedom of expression. The soldier has a duty to protect this political exercise. He is not expected to intervene in it."

By committing himself to political neutrality, did Abu in fact telegraph a coded withdrawal of support from the President?

That is certainly possible, but not probable. The chief of staff's words are clear enough: "The outcome of these political developments would be the result of the Filipino people's collective will, not the soldier's intervention or some officers' expression of grievances."

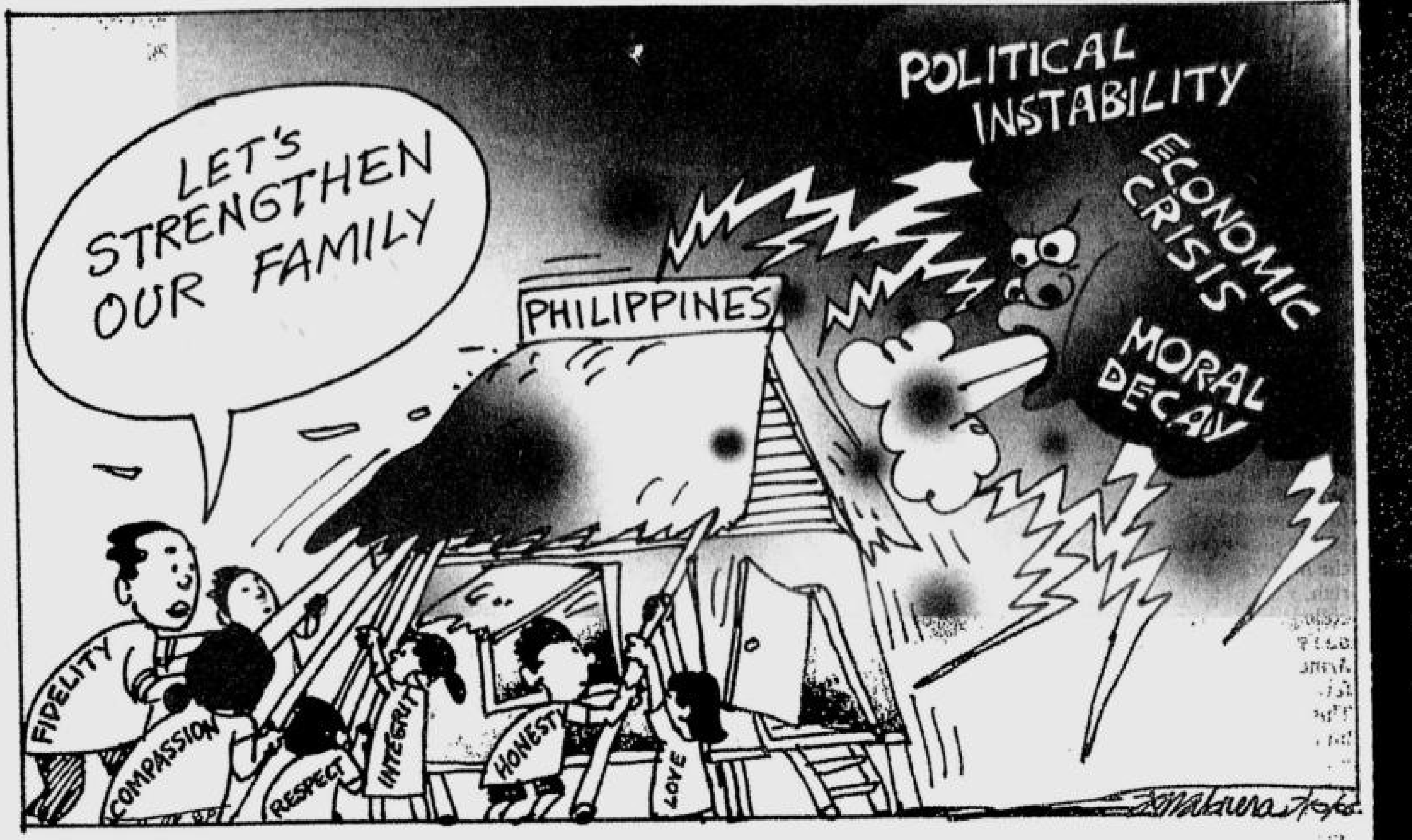
His reminder about true professionalism, moreover, is couched in the very language of the code of conduct he evokes: neutral, apolitical, professional.

Not least, he is aware that some of those opposed to Ms Arroyo follow an ideological agenda many in the military will find incompatible with democracy. (The AFP's deputy chief, Lt. Gen. Edilberto Adan, also reiterated a key principle. "There is a chain of command. [We will follow] all legitimate orders," he said.)

The concerns about the proper interpretation of Abu's possibly coded statement, therefore, may be more speculative than solid. But—and this is the point—they are valid nonetheless.

The very idea that the military will be drawn once again to the public square, whether out of misplaced ambition or a sense of patriotic duty, should give everyone pause. It is therefore incumbent on the major players in the political crisis to agree on the constitutional mechanism for resolving it. If resignation on the one hand is not an option, and impeachment on the other is unacceptable, then a compromise based on the Constitution must be found.

If only to keep our soldiers in their barracks, the country's bishops may find themselves playing an unlikely role: reminding the political class that politics, after all, is still the art of the possible.



Resignation as a mode of removal

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THE LAST two days were marked with much political excitement caused by several significant events. Former President Corazon Aquino formally asked President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to resign, as so did other sectors in our society including the small crowd in Makati City egged on by its Mayor Jejomar Binay.

Others have followed suit and are asking GMA to quit because, if not for anything else, they feel she has lost the moral ascendancy to govern as the highest official in the land. Ten of her Cabinet members have irrevocably resigned and share this sentiment as also have other political figures like Senate President Franklin Drilon of the Liberal Party and former Vice President Teofisto Guingona as our ambassador to China. Prominent leaders of the Catholic Church like Archbishop Oscar Cruz and Fr. Roberto Reyes have joined in the clamor.

Apart from the moral challenge, there are also the legal grounds invoked by those who also want her to leave the presidency. Her administration has been sorely battered by the *jueteng* scandal and the Garci tapes, where evidence has been mounting daily to show her and her family's guilty involvement. It is true that to date all the House and Senate investigations of these scandals have not established her direct link to these irregularities. But the insinuations caused by the evidence so far presented by her critics have strengthened the general impression that she is implicated in these anomalies.

The effect is that many of our people, as revealed by several private and unbiased surveys, have lost confidence in President Arroyo. At this point, she has the judgmental record of the lowest approval rating from the people compared to the previous presidents of the Philippines. Both Newsweek and Time have featured her on their cover to highlight their respective articles showing, as impartially as possible, that the President of our troubled country is on the skids. To hear these ominous conjectures, GMA's days are numbered and she will soon join her husband and son in voluntary exile after her ejection from the land she has betrayed.

In fairness, let it be said that the demand for her resignation is not unanimous or unchallenged. Some of her Cabinet members have remained steadfast with her, among them Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo, and Environment Secretary Mike Defensor. Many local officials have also manifested their loyalty to her and a number of civic groups and educational institutions have called for sobriety in the face of the political tension gripping the country. They are guardedly supporting GMA in the meantime while awaiting further developments, as Secretary Angelo Reyes did before deserting Estrada.

Our Constitution provides in Art. VII. Sec. 8 that the President of the Philippines may lose his office before the expiration of his term only in case of his death, removal, resignation or permanent disability. Death and permanent disability are not applicable to President Arroyo, and removal can be effected only through her impeachment and conviction. The only mode available to her at the moment is resignation, which was the ground on which the Supreme Court held Joseph Estrada to have lost the presidency. This was also the means that President Richard Nixon chose to leave the White House and prevent his almost certain removal through the process of impeachment.

The characteristic that distinguishes resignation from the other modes of terminating the president's incumbency is its voluntariness. The other three are independent of the president's will, but resignation is solely subject to his own discretion and determination. It is true that this decision may be affected by external factors, as in the case of Nixon and the Watergate scandal, but it is still up to the president to resign or not to resign depending on the pressures exerted on him and his own courage, or lack of it, to face the music,

President Andrew Johnson, who succeeded after Lincoln's assassination, was persecuted by the Republican senators and a hostile public opinion, but refused to resign. He fought his popular impeachment and was acquitted by a margin of only one vote. John F. Kennedy, in his prize-winning "Profiles in Courage," paid him deserved tribute. President Arroyo may emulate Johnson's example and face her opponents in her own impeachment, but with less danger or anxiety than the American president encountered.

The reason is that under our Constitution a resolution to impeach needs the concurrence of one-third of the members of the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members of the Senate for a judgment of conviction. At this point, President Arroyo's foes do not have these crucial votes to remove her from office, which is why she is standing pat and can afford to do so, even defiantly. The only hitch is where the evidence against her at the trial so revolts the people as to force her allies to abandon her.

Let's wait for what happens next—with hope or fear.

Come down!

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

REMEMBER the story about a mentally deranged man who climbed up a tree and refused to go down? A crowd gathered, urging him to go down. No amount of pressure or gentle persuasion could make him go down. Rallies were organized, threats were made, but still he would not go down. Finally, a priest was called in. He just looked at the man straight into his eyes and gave a blessing. Immediately the crazy man went down. There was jubilation in the crowd. When asked why he went down, the crazy man said: "Even if the priest did not say a word, I understood what he meant. When I saw him do a vertical up-down movement with his hand, he meant to tell me 'you better come down.' And when he did a left-right horizontal movement with his hand, he meant 'I'm cutting down the tree!'"

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In today's Gospel (Mt. 13, 1-23) Jesus warns us about really seeing and understanding; Gross is the heart of this people: "They look but do not see, and hear but do not listen" or understand. During these difficult and uncertain times in our country, let us all pray for real discernment and understanding that we may truly see, hear and understand. In moments like these, the worst kind of people are those who refuse to be open, honest and truthful, and do so even with arrogance and pride. But as it usually happens, pride comes before the fall. If only we knew how to be open and humble toward God and toward one another!

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There is a tendency to look at things from our own selfish point of view and forget God's point of view. Let us make sure that whatever stand we take is not motivated by our own selfish agenda, interest or personal advantage. In the end, we should really try to see what is according to God's will, and what is for the common good. And through it all, let us stand for truth and righteousness. After all these years, we still have not learned as a nation that crime does not pay. Someday, soon, may the culture of lies, corruption and graft disappear from our minds, our hearts, and may it be banished forever from our land.

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Let the parable of the sower be a lesson for the present and the future leaders in our land. The word of God (the seed) is sown in each one of us. Basically, every heart is good. Every person means well, but some hearts are just busy paths where God's word is given little value or importance. Some hearts are rocky grounds with little soil such that the Word of God can't take root there and, thus, lasts only for a time. Such hearts give up as soon as trials, temptations and tribulations come. Then there are hearts that fall on good grounds but there, they get choked by the thorns of worldly anxiety, and lure of riches, and so they bear no fruit. And finally there are the good hearts who hear the word of God, understand it, and bear fruit and yield a hundred, or sixty or thirtyfold. May God give us leaders who really listen to the word of God, understand it, hold on to it, and bear fruit. And this is urgent, because our people are going hungry!

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President Macapagal-Arroyo missed a beautiful opportunity to sacrifice for the good of the country when she announced that she was not resigning from office. Too bad, she keeps on listening to her so-called (but selfish) friends and advisers instead of listening to God and to His people. Actually, she had a previous opportunity for greatness when she announced that she was not running anymore for the presidency in 2004. But she took back her words. "Lapse of judgment"? May we all learn to let go and to let God, to come down and not be forced to come down.

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Going back to our opening story, two things must be underlined: The priest was with the crowd, and the priest gave a blessing. The Church must learn from the recent events in our country. We were not lacking in leading and urging our people to pray, but were we there with the crowd to really listen to them, guide them, speak for them? Granting that we did, did we do it enough? And did we do it soon enough? The Church cannot bear much fruit if we do not sow deep into the hearts of the poorest of the poor. We must come down from our pedestals and holier-than-thou or more enlightened-than-thou attitudes and circle of friends.

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SAD. MAD. GLAD. Sad that we and our country have to come again to such a crossroad. Like it or not, this affects our economy and our people. Mad. I'm mad and even disgusted to see many opportunists and traitors who do not have any principle or idealism and take advantage of the situation for their own good. I'm also mad that many of those who risked life and limb and who really fought for the truth will soon be forgotten, while the fence-sitters and the chameleons will be rewarded. Glad. Yes, I'm glad that there is hope. there is a fresh start and there are new beginnings. Glad that no matter how slow, goodness still triumphs in our land.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, teach us to come down from our pedestals and comfort zones so that we can truly serve and love. Amen.

A soldier's dilemma

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

FOR the last 20 or more years, I have been fighting the enemies of our country—the New People's Army, secessionist Muslim forces in Mindanao and Abu Sayyaf bandits or terrorists. I have spent more time in the mountains and jungles of Mindanao than at home with my wife and two growing children whom I treasure more than anything else in this world.

In terms of equipment, mine is not the best. In fact, others consider them as downright shoddy. But I do the best I can with what the government provides me. I realize that there is not enough money for upgrading or—I feel uncomfortable using this term—modernizing our Armed Forces, although I used to hear rumors, several years ago, of some funding, specifically for this purpose, coming from the proceeds of the sale of army camps in Metro Manila. I have not heard anything on this subject for quite some time now, and I suspect those proceeds may have been diverted to other purposes. But like a disciplined soldier, I have not raised my voice in protest.

Military analysts around the world rate me the cheapest soldier in the region. This evaluation takes into account not just the equipment available for use but also the pay and allowances that I receive for risking my life on behalf of our people and country. I did not join the Armed Forces of the Philippines to become rich, although I realize now that some of my colleagues have become wealthy beyond anyone's wildest dreams. If one considers the Armed Forces as a whole, there are really very few opportunities for accumulating wealth. This is so for the simple reason that the AFP budget is mainly for the soldiers' pay and allowances with very little for capital expenditures. Unfortunately, the few bad eggs in the organization have given us all a bad image. I repeat—I didn't join the Armed Forces to become rich, but I sure could use a little more help from our government.

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Why do I mention these things?

The country is once again facing one of those periodic crises that we seem to bring upon ourselves from time to time. It is as if we make it a point to move two steps backward for every step forward. And we wonder why we are left behind by most, if not all, of our neighbors.

In 1986, we decided to throw our support behind Corazon Aquino, abandoning the incumbent Ferdinand Marcos. We were hailed as heroes and dubbed the New Armed Forces of the Philippines (NAFP). After a few years, the country was back to square one with the old elite regaining their positions of power and influence over most of our institutions and much of the economy.

In 1998, our people elected a movie star to lead the nation. But barely two years after, he was embroiled in all kinds of scandals and was removed from office by a second People Power movement. The Armed Forces threw its support behind Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, again abandoning the incumbent as it did in 1986. On both occasions, we did not abide by the Constitution. This fact has been conveniently overlooked by many people.

Today, we are being urged by our superiors to remain neutral and to stay out of politics. Didn't someone say that the hottest places in hell are reserved for those who in times of crisis remain fence-sitters?

Some of my colleagues say that I have a messianic complex. Actually, I have never thought of myself as some kind of a messiah or savior. I do know that our country deserves something better than what our "democratically elected" leaders have been able to deliver so far. We have paid such a high price for being America's showcase of democracy in Asia. Unfortunately, the past events have clearly indicated that our democracy has been all form with little substance.

It is time to bring up the question often asked: "Why does the military intervene in politics?" The noted Harvard scholar, Samuel Huntington, provides the classic reply: "What draws the soldier into the political arena is not his own strength but rather the weakness of the political system." The present setup remains a system which continues to be exploited and manipulated by political forces bent on achieving their selfish goals with little thought to delivering the basic needs of our people and respecting their aspirations. Every new election seems to bring out even more creative forms of electoral fraud aimed at subverting the people's will. This system must change, but this can only happen under a leadership that holds the moral high ground, not one beset by questions of integrity or credibility.

If I am to continue fighting the enemies of our country and laying my life on the line, I must be assured that there is a bright future awaiting my children. That is the least I can do for them. So this time, I do not intend to leave things entirely in the hands of politicians who have made a mess of our country. I will not be neutral and I urge my fellow soldiers to make their voices heard—to tell our so-called leaders that we are tired of all their promises, of all their posturings and of all their protestations. And if all they have to offer are belated tokens of reform, let us unite with like-minded citizens of this nation in charting new directions for our people, directions which will ensure lasting peace and prosperity for the years ahead.

Going for the 'Big Time'

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

HITTING the big time, that's the Filipino dream. Winning in lotto. Scoring at the horse races. Marrying a rich foreigner. Getting away with a major crime. Winning in an election?

The big time. The easy score. That's the stuff our dreams are made of. Not for us the Chinese way—living above the store, keeping to a frugal existence, making our children work on weekends, and slowly but steadily building up capital to create a fortune. Instead, we're eternally on the look-out for the jackpot, the winning ticket that will lead us out of our hard little lives and into the big time. People say that's the reason *jueteng* thrives and will be impossible to eradicate. Because winning the jueteng draw is the little people's daily ticket to the big time, or the pretty big time.

Danny (Winston Elizalde) and Jonas (Nor Domingo) are childhood friends who've struggled all their lives to rise above their station. They've taken odd jobs, worked in all sorts of fast-food joints, and Danny has even taken a caregiver's course in hopes of getting a job in the States. But mostly, they've done petty crime. Starting with swiping cupcakes from the school canteen, they've mapped out countless schemes to make quick and easy money, including holding up *sari-sari* stores to score petty cash and a bagful of Choc-nut.

They're an amiable pair of harmless losers until—in their desire to pull off one big caper by kidnapping Melody (Joanne Miller), the town beauty besotted by dreams of show-biz big time—they find themselves embroiled in the murky world of a real crime boss, Don Manolo (Michael de Mesa) and his son Wilson (Jamie Wilson). That's when our intrepid pair find out the price they have to pay for dreaming of the Big Time.

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"BIG TIME" is one of the finalists in the Cinemalaya Philippine Independent Film Festival, a competition for first-time filmmakers sponsored by the Cultural Center of the Philippines and Dream Broadcasting Corporation.

Designed to encourage the development of the independent digital film market, a local counterpart of the Sundance Film Festival, Cinemalaya provides grants to chosen filmmakers to turn their screenplays into features. "Big Time" is one of only nine finalists out of 30 submissions for the full-length feature category. Even more impressive is that Arkeofilms, the production outfit behind "Big Time," is also behind "Mansyon," one of six finalists (out of hundreds of submissions) in the Cinemalaya short films category.

For purposes of full disclosure, let me say at the outset that one of the writers/editors and producer of "Big Time" is a niece who has chosen to go by the "screen name" Monster Jimenez.

But even without the familial connection, viewers should find "Big Time" quite a romp. "Be sure to laugh out loud," "Monster" jokingly pleaded as the film unfolded during the press preview. She didn't have to. The fast-paced script, with its pop-culture references ("Ai-ai o Zorayda?" "Kristine Hermosa o Rica Peralejo?" is a game Jonas and Danny constantly play) is smart and funny. Director Mario Cornejo employs a frenetic camera that moves the story forward, as much as the witty dialogue. And Domingo and Elizalde, as the pair of hard-luck petty crooks, with their "man-on-the-street" looks and Sad Sack sensibilities, lend the movie credibility and a strong grounding in reality.

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TO BE sure "Big Time's" humble provenance reveals itself time and again. Some shots are so blurry one hopes that's the way the director wanted them to be. Sets are minimal and lighting is rudimentary.

Surrounded by a cast of unknowns and amateurs, the featured professionals startle by their mere presence. Michael de Mesa is excellent as always, conveying menace just by a swift glance and a slight pout. As the younger Manolo in a cameo, Ryan Eigenmann proves not just how much he's inherited his dad's looks, but also his aura of silent malevolence. Jamie Wilson, as the sociopath scion itching to make his own way in the underworld, convincingly conveys both desperation and cool amorality. Even Manila Mayor Lito Atienza makes a surprise appearance, which says something about how intrepid the filmmakers were.

But in a way, the slapdash casual air about the movie only adds to the fun, drawing in the audience to its world of thwarted ambitions and delusional aspirations, creating empathy with the pair of protagonists whom we can't help but like and cheer on. Even when murder and mayhem intrude upon the proceedings, we aren't quite sure whether to hold our laughter for long, as a joke might be in the offing.

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THE CINEMALAYA Festival, showcasing the finalists in the short film and full-feature categories, will be held from July 12-17 at the CCP. "Big Time" will have its premiere on Saturday, July 16 at the Little Theater.

It's amazing that even as major producers and the film industry as a whole are caught in the doldrums, pondering an uncertain future and a dwindling market, young, inexperienced filmmakers are providing hope and much-needed vitality. Congratulations to CCP and Dream Broadcasting for opening the door to aspiring filmmakers and reaping this rich harvest of talent. Perhaps, what the movie business needs at this point is not just capital infusion, tax breaks and government support (though these should be useful, too), but new blood and courageous filmmaking, new ways of telling stories, audacity and chutzpah.

These are also the qualities that precisely define Jonas and Danny, who nurse criminal ambitions but unfortunately possess talents unequal to their dreams. You can't help but like a pair of thieves who, before starting a heist, hold hands and pray to the Lord that "this is all for you." So very Filipino!

Beyond Gloria

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

GLORIA Macapagal-Arroyo has set back the political growth of our country by at least 20 years as a result of her single-minded pursuit of personal power. She has re-injected into our nation's governance a mode of rule that perniciously privatizes state power. Like a small town *politico* who has mastered the rhythms of the patron-client system, she has bought the personal loyalty of law-enforcers, the acquiescence of legislators, the allegiance of justices, and the silence of civil society. She has used government resources to wage an expensive electoral campaign like no other president has since Marcos.

It is easy to think this is all the result of a fatal flaw in character. But that would be a myopic view. The truth is that Ms Arroyo is very much a child of a political culture that was dominant in the time of her father, the late President Diosdado Macapagal. It is clear to us now that she has known no other form of politics, and no other way of running a government.

In 1972, Ferdinand Marcos tried to break the stranglehold of this old culture on the nation's life in order to install himself as a dictator. He justified martial law as a shortcut to modernity, a revolution from the center that would resolve the contradictions of a feudalistic social order. He abolished the political parties of the traditional classes, shut down Congress and the media which had been their playing fields, and seized their properties. This attempt to leapfrog to a "New Society" by fascist means, as we all know, spawned its own problems that Marcos could not contain.

The coercive mode of rule has a limited lifetime. To prolong its stay, it has to acquire moral legitimacy and practical utility for the greatest majority. Marcos almost succeeded. But he was overtaken by global events and personal illness.

The return to formal democracy in 1986 auspiciously began with a revolutionary government under a provisional constitution. The first task that the Cory government set for itself was to dismantle the structures of authoritarian rule and pave the way for the establishment of the regular institutions of democratic life. The pre-1972 political and economic elites hijacked this laudable reform project and sought to put it securely on a restoration track.

Today, the democratic, nationalist, and social justice legacies of Edsa I survive in scattered provisions of the 1987 Constitution. Many of these have remained frozen, while others are threatened with cancellation by means of amendment. It is one of the supreme ironies of our time that it may sometimes be necessary to step out of the Constitution's iron grip in order to preserve its spirit.

Perhaps today is such a time. The present crisis, as I see it, is at its core a replay of the same conflict that has hounded the history of our republic since its founding. This is the conflict between those who look up to the Philippine state as our people's collective instrument in their quest for a prosperous and secure life, and those who would treat it as a private instrument in the pursuit of personal gain and vested interests. This conflict has come to a head because it is taking place in the context of the sharpest social inequality and mass poverty that our nation has ever known.

The underclasses of our society did find a chance to reverse this situation in 1998 when Joseph "Erap" Estrada was elected president. Although he was not of the masses, he nevertheless represented their deepest yearning for a better life. Unfortunately, Erap was entrapped in the same system and soon betrayed the dreams of his mass constituency. His failure gave the modernizing middle class the chance to assert its leadership. With the impending downfall of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, that initiative has now also hit a dead-end.

Today, the republic is under severe strain; the old fault lines of our society—class, ethnic, and religious—are opening up. There are enough brokers out there of every imaginable stripe that want to make sure that whoever succeeds Gloria, the basic organs of a dying social order are preserved.

The whole issue boils down to this: What kind of socio-political order can give hope to the vast masses who are jobless and hungry, and a chance at personal fulfillment for the millions of our young people who are increasingly unable to imagine this is nation of great heroes? All I know is that we cannot merely change faces and then move on as if it was business as usual.

I believe that nearly every thoughtful Filipino today is convinced that deep structural changes are necessary. What these changes are and how they are to be put in place are the main questions upon us. Some insist on a controlled process, under the same government with either GMA or Noli de Castro at the helm, through a constituent assembly entirely dominated by the same political class. What this option offers essentially is basic continuity and the promise of certainty and stability.

On the other hand, those who have taken to the streets to air their demands insist on the necessity of a transitional phase that includes the formation of a caretaker government, the drafting of a new constitution, the dismantling of the structures of patronage politics, and the modernization and democratization of the rules and procedures of the electoral system. A number of our citizens have expressed wariness over the uncertainties this option may spawn. But its principal attraction is the promise of meaningful change and of enduring peace in our country.

Whatever road we may take, it is now clear to us that a step beyond Gloria is a step in the right direction.

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Athletics in academe

COMMENTARY

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FOR many people, particularly the alumni of elite schools, the school year does not begin in June. It begins in July, with the opening of the UAAP (University Athletics Association of the Philippines) basketball tournament.

The heightened interest in collegiate sports in the Philippines may trigger alarm bells for those concerned about the increased intrusion of commercialism into the academe.

Derek Bok, former dean of the Harvard Law School and subsequently president of Harvard University, warns in a recent book ("Universities in the Marketplace: The Commercialization of Higher Education," Princeton University Press, 2003) that "athletics . . . are the oldest form of commercialization in American higher education."

Bok traces back this development to 1852, when Yale and Harvard rowing crews raced against each other in Lake Winnipesaukee. The event marked the first intercollegiate sports contest in the United States. It was made possible through the sponsorship of an enterprising railroad owner and real estate developer who wanted to promote his New Hampshire properties. He induced the participation of the athletes by offering them reimbursement for expenses, "lavish prizes," and "unlimited alcohol."

By the end of the 19th century, professional football coaches and athletic scholars were in American schools. The drive to recruit athletes respected few constraints. Teams dressed up "the butcher's boy, the iron molder, the boiler maker, or even a bond salesman in football clothing," if they demonstrated athletic prowess. The conduct of the game was equally unrestrained. The 1904 season counted 21 casualties, prompting President Theodore Roosevelt to summon college presidents to the White House to consider how to control the carnage. The meeting paved the way for the creation of the National Collegiate Athletic Association in 1906. It was mandated to develop uniform rules to govern collegiate sports.

The NCAA succeeded in controlling violence in collegiate sports. For its efforts in other areas, Bok quotes the judgment rendered in 1995 by Walter Byers, recognized as the principal architect of the modern NCAA, which he served as executive director for 36 years: "[C]ollege athletics reform movements spanning almost 90 years have been remarkably consistent. They never reformed much of anything."

The reform movement focused on restoring the primacy of academics over athletics in US colleges and universities. The importance attached to sports had provided athletes with benefits (such as athletic scholarships), and privileges (in the choice of class schedules, for instance), not accessible to ordinary students. But the time demanded by athletics cut down the time for academics.

A number of indicators attested to the breakdown of the accepted proper balance: enrollment of athletes who had not achieved the academic standards required for admission into the school; emergence of "jock" courses for athletes who could not cope with the requirements of the established programs of study; de facto exemption of athletes from attendance and performance standards expected of students; low graduation rates for the athletes (among the top Division 1A colleges, only 34 percent of basketball players and 48 percent of football players received degrees within a six-year period in the 1990s).

A study of the economics of athletic programs suggests that no more than 10 to 20 universities make a profit from athletic programs. But the promise of big bucks continues to drive the competition to recruit the best athletes. The money comes from ticket sales, corporate sponsorship and media contracts.

In the UAAP's case, although proceeds from television contracts have been increasing, they do not cover the investments made on athletic programs. But the passion to win has been sufficient to produce the same kind of clash between academic and athletic objectives seen in the United States. Some of the steps suggested to give American student athletes a chance to obtain an academic degree may work for the UAAP as well.

The first step would be to track the academic performance of student athletes to get a sense of the scale of the problem, as well as to monitor how effectively a school addresses their learning difficulties.

Since schools tend to accept student athletes despite weak academic preparation for college, Bok argues for postponing their involvement in competitive sports until their second year. This will give them a chance to get started on their studies without the distraction of the games.

Restricting games to the weekends will help athletes to avoid missing their classes. Assuring athletes that they can enjoy their scholarship for their entire program of studies, as long as they maintain satisfactory grades, will help protect them from unreasonable demands of the coaching staff.

Controlling the bidding war for outstanding athletes is a more difficult challenge, as the United States has experienced. More than half of the Division 1A universities received sanctions in the 1980s for violations of rules designed to protect the amateur status of collegiate sports. But most athletes in the high-profile sports of football and basketball go to college to prepare for a professional career, not to get an education. From another point of view, putting a cap on the financial subsidies they can get from the schools may amount to establishing a cartel "to exploit athletes by preventing them from being compensated at the full value of their services."

In the end, university authorities must consider whether collegiate sports achieve the objectives for which they were established and promote the values proclaimed by their institutions. A Carnegie Foundation report concluded in 1929 that "at no point in the educational process has commercialism in college athletics wrought more mischief than in its effect upon the American undergraduate." In 1989, the Carnegie Foundation for Teaching reached the same conclusion: "the cynicism that stems from the abuses in [intercollegiate] athletics infects the rest of student life, from promoting academic dishonesty to the loss of individual ideals." If students learn dishonesty in school, should we be surprised if they later behave dishonestly as businessmen or bureaucrats, professionals or politicians?

I enjoy watching NCAA and UAAP games. I dearly hope they will continue to prosper. But collegiate sports raise as many concerns in the Philippines as they do in the United States. These concerns deserve the attention not only of the NCAA and UAAP boards but also of the university presidents and their trustees.

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How long can GMA stay in power?

GLORIA Macapagal-Arroyo's stay in office has become tenuous, with middle forces, big business and Cory Aquino joining the opposition, militant groups and retired military officers in calling on the President to resign.

Her key economic managers and a major partner of the ruling coalition have also abandoned Ms Arroyo, who is accused of rigging the presidential election last year. The Liberal Party led by Senate President Franklin Drilon has withdrawn support from Ms Arroyo and is asking her to step down.

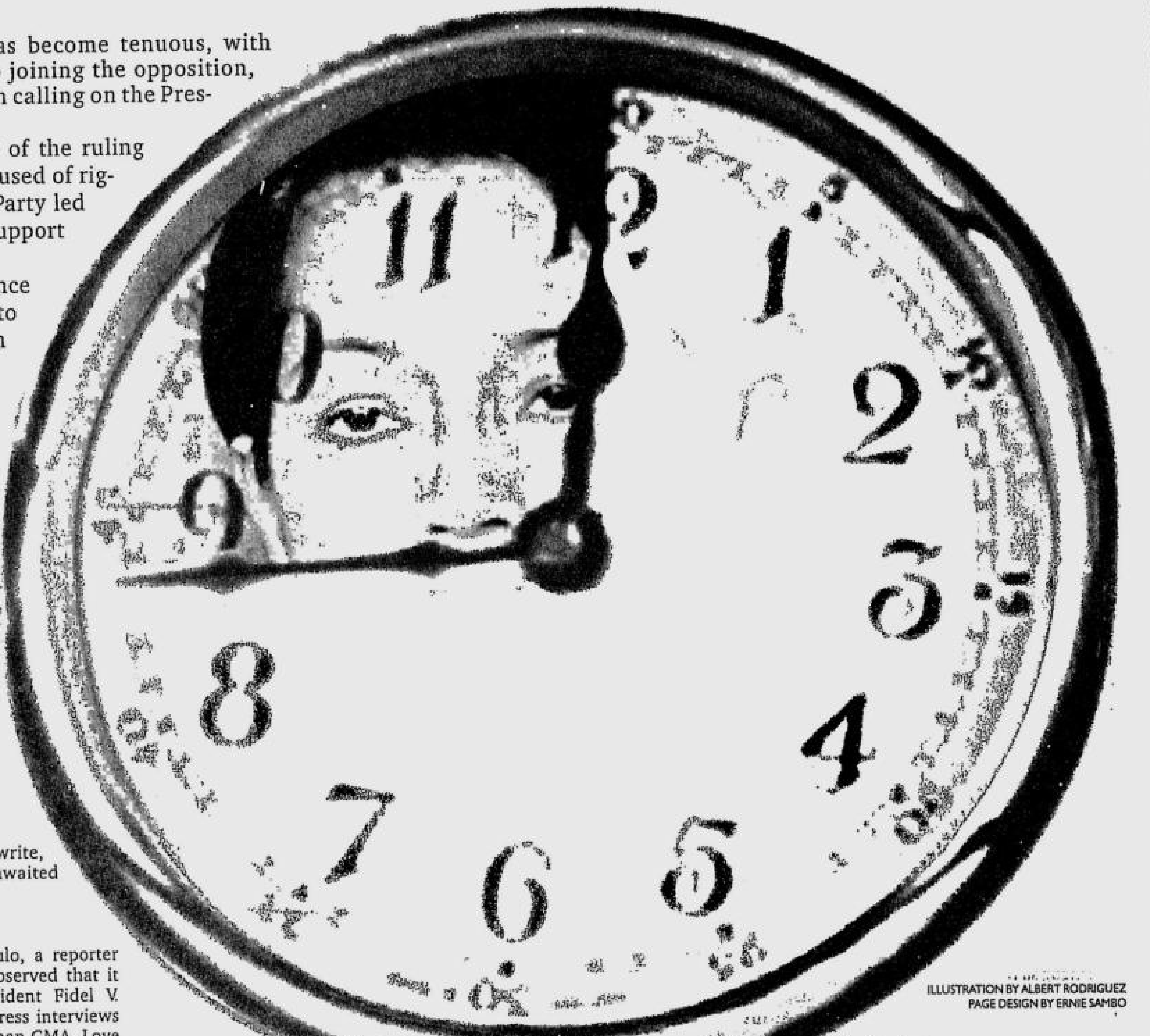
Any statement from the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines questioning her moral authority to govern will further erode her base of support and can hasten her downfall.

A major institution that has yet to turn its back on Ms Arroyo is the military.

Ms Arroyo has maintained an intransigent position. Buoyed by support from mayors, governors and administration legislators, she has declared that she is not leaving Malacañang any time soon.

But a prolonged stalemate is not good for the country. It will encourage more street protests, pummel the stock market, weaken the peso and frighten foreign investors.

As in Edsa I and Edsa II, the military and the Church will play a big role in breaking the stalemate.



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End games

By Edicio de la Torre

How long will GMA stay in office, after the defection of those who led the Cabinet in singing "If we hold on together?"

Some friends in civil society circles really thought that GMA would yield after the series of orchestrated calls for her resignation. It was not just the heavyweight economic team that called on her to resign. The Makati Business Club followed, with its Edsa II civil society counterparts. Then the Edsa I icon herself, former President Cory Aquino, advocating resignation as the faster constitutional way, compared with impeachment.

After Cory, Senate President Franklin Drilon could not be far behind. Only Cardinal Sin was missing from the usual cast of leading players. And his collegial successors in the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) are still "discerning."

Boardroom power play

I can sympathize with the feeling of betrayal expressed by GMA loyalists. Their strident accusations of an attempted "Cabinet coup" seemed far-fetched, initially. But as the stories made the rounds, it made sense of other related events.

Why was there so much protestation by Cory and the Edsa II circles against people power as a means to get GMA out? Because they were planning a simple boardroom-style power play, which is constitutional, of course. And a very managed change. People power is more difficult to manage, potentially messy.

Except that GMA refused to cooperate with their script for the end game. So, it's time for a rewrite, starting with the much awaited CBCP statement.

Opportunistic

At the Kapihan sa Sulo, a reporter from the Palace beat observed that it was FVR (former president Fidel V. Ramos) who last held press interviews in Malacañang, rather than GMA. Love him or hate him, the man's sense of political timing is "opportunistic" in the technical sense.

He has his own end game. Let GMA call for Cha-cha (Charter change), and hold regular elections in 2006, effectively shortening her term. If FVR wins in his district in Pangasinan, and becomes prime minister, that is destiny. There is a fallback version: She goes on leave (does not resign to retain her immunity from suit), and lets Noli de Castro preside over the transition.

Except GMA has thus far refused to cooperate. So it's time for planning other means of persuasion.

Opposition's wish

What about the opposition's "*wish ko lang*" end game? There is a constitutional end game—a GMA resignation, followed by a Noli de Castro succession. For those who want a faster resolution and who place a premium on constitutionality, this is the more likely end game. It is similar to the "if we hold on together" version, though the latter has one *colatilla*—Drilon as Vice President and concurrent Executive Secretary.

Can the elite opposition live with this? "With a heavy heart," says one stalwart, "but he should consider my proposal to form a council of state to help him govern, and the council should include some from the opposition." That will lighten his heart, presumably. He hastens to add that his proposal is not the same as FVR's idea of a High Commission.

There is another end game, which is extra-constitutional. The longer GMA resists, popular protest can build up and draw in middle class and elite reformers to an option, which is extra-constitutional but not unconstitutional, in Fr. Joaquin Bernas' fine distinction. Anyone who sticks it out with GMA will have to step down with her. A coalition of people power and opposition leaders will set up a caretaker government to govern in the transition toward electoral reforms, Charter change and regular elections.

Extra-constitutional

Given the intransigence of GMA and her loyalists, the extra-constitutional end game will probably need the persuasive power of the military. Will it be like the Edsa II formula of withdrawal of support by the chain of command? Will it be like the Edsa I formula of open defiance by a group of officers and their units, which eventually gains support from larger sections of the military? It is safe to think that there is a lot of "war games" being played in the minds and hearts of military and civilian leaders.

The opposition's extra-constitutional end game has many variations. Even the caretaker government has many adjectives—transitional, revolutionary, provisional, etc. The composition of the post-GMA government need not be only from the opposition. It can include administration leaders who distanced themselves from GMA, and are considered credible and competent.

There are really two sets of end games. The immediate is the end to the GMA presidency. But the other more important end game is the end to political instability through a legitimate system of governance acceptable to contending parties.

Unless we discover something better, it is only credible elections that can establish the legitimacy of leadership in any democratic form of government. But how can the credibility of elections be ensured? That has to be at the top of the agenda of any caretaker government. And for the caretaker government to be credible, its members should inhibit themselves from running in the regular elections.

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She should not, will not last long

By Sixdon C. Macasaet

We in the Citizens for Truth (C4T) had proposed the formation of a truth commission or an independent fact-finding commission to establish the facts and settle conflicting allegations. Our basic position was—let us determine the facts and the truth first, then render justice, and all the while pursue much-needed social, political and economic reforms.

C4T is made up of civil society organizations (nongovernment organizations, people's organizations and professionals), business groups and religious organizations coming from different parts of the country, including the Bishop-Businessmen's Conference for Human Development, Caucus of Development NGO Networks, Konsyensyang Pilipino, Local Governance Citizens Network, Makati Business Club, National Peace Conference, Pagbabago@Pilipinas, Women's Action Network for Development and many other organizations.

Most people, including many within C4T, had already concluded that President Macapagal-Arroyo was involved in electoral fraud. But we were holding back from calling on her to resign because we also recognized that the facts and the truth have not yet fully surfaced, and that there was a need for due process.

Last Friday, however, many organizations in C4T already decided: the President should resign immediately. While we had wanted to first give due process a chance and the whole truth to come out, Ms Arroyo declared on Thursday night that she had already told the truth in her "lapse in judgment" statement, and that she was not interested in forming a truth commission.

Furthermore, the resignations of the reform-minded members of the Cabinet showed that even they, who have worked closely with the President, have given up on any chance for the President to put genuine reforms over her personal and political interests.

Desperate moves

The courageous and selfless move of the former Cabinet secretaries is in stark contrast to the desperate moves of the President to remain in power—including her preemption of the ex-secretaries' irrevocable resignations and her allies' attacks on their motives and integrity. Sadly for her, people know that the former Cabinet secretaries are men and women of credibility, competence and integrity, who have served the country faithfully both inside and outside government.

"Will she last as President?" She will certainly not last until 2010. Before the events last Friday, many already thought that the best scenario for her (but not for the country) was that she would last shortly until after the 2007 elections.

Exit formula

At that time, her unpopularity would probably be translated into an opposition-dominated Congress, and she would then be impeached. However, after 10 former Cabinet members, many business groups, NGOs, people's organizations and other associations, and even former President Cory Aquino added their voices to the calls for Ms Arroyo's resignation, the President would be lucky if she lasts more than a few months.

It would now seem that the President is banking on what appears to be the "graceful PGMA exit formula" of former President Fidel Ramos and Lakas-CMD: Constituent assembly starting late this year, new Constitution with a parliamentary system, and new elections by mid-2006.

If she does not resign soon, the other option is to go through the impeachment process. The Liberal Party has already said that it would support the impeachment of Ms Arroyo if she does not resign.

Turmoil

What is better for the country? It is clear that the political turmoil and the divisions will continue and intensify as long as Ms Arroyo remains in power. If this situation were to go on even for a just a few more months, our slowly moving economy will stall and dive, and the delivery of basic services by government will suffer. In sum, the longer she lasts, the worse for us.

The President has dangled the bait of constitutional reform to entice the many groups advocating various constitutional reforms to support her.

While many groups within C4T support the shift to a federal and a parliamentary government as one of the lasting solutions to our problems, we also know that constitutional reform is now being used only to prolong the President's stay in Malacañang.

We believe the President no longer has the moral authority to lead even the reform of our Constitution. She should resign now. After she goes, the constitutional reform should be done by a constitutional convention that is not clouded by personal and partisan political interests. C4T stands for constitutional and nonviolent solutions to our crisis. We support the constitutional process of succession.

Impartial commission

We also still call for the establishment of an impartial and credible fact-finding commission that will look into the whole truth behind the alleged 2004 electoral fraud with the aim of bringing all those involved before the bar of justice and institutionalizing much-needed electoral reforms.

What is best for the country? Ms Arroyo resigns immediately, her successor forms the independent fact-finding commission, the Commission on Elections chair and commissioners resign and the Comelec is revamped, and the long-needed social and political reforms our people so greatly deserve are vigorously institutionalized.

Truth, justice and reforms. These are the lasting solutions we want.

(Macasaet is the executive director of Caucus of Development NGO Networks or CODE-NGO and a member of Citizens for Truth or C4T.)

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Death of a journalist and public servant

By Aquiles Z. Zonio
Polomolok, South Cotabato

MANY radio listeners miss the soft, yet commanding, baritone of Rolando Morales every Sunday afternoon.

Morales, 43, had just finished his regular hour-long program over dxMD radio station in Polomolok, South Cotabato and was riding on his motorcycle along the national highway when he was shot and killed by a gang of motorcyclists on July 3.

He is the 69th journalist to have been killed since democracy was restored in the Philippines in 1986, according to the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines.

His death has sparked debates among journalists. Was he really a journalist?

To some, particularly his colleagues at dxMD Radyo Agong in General Santos City, he was. Others refused to give him that recognition.

So be it. No one from among the members of his family is asking for it. It's no big deal for them.

In fact, his daughter, Rio June Bianson, was wondering why her father was getting such kind of media attention. She herself is not sure that her father was a journalist. "We are a simple family. I'm wondering why we get such media attention," she said.

Block timer

For nearly a year, Morales had been hosting the "Tingog sa Barangay" program, aired every Sunday, 4-5 p.m., over dxMD, a local AM station of Radio Mindanao Network-Radyo Agong. He was a block timer, according to Emir Bariquit, program director of Radyo Agong.

"Tingog sa Barangay is the station's program. He (Morales) was not paying for it," Bariquit said.

Bariquit said Morales was killed because of his fiery commentaries and advocacy against illegal drug trafficking.

The program director recalled that a few months ago, he got hold of a letter warning Morales to stop his incisive commentaries against local officials and the proliferation of illegal drugs in Polomolok.

Bariquit claimed that he even read in his nightly public affairs program, titled "Kukos-Batikos" the letter sent to Morales.

The victim's wife Floreta said her husband had never been involved in any trouble. "I didn't know he had enemies," she said.

Aside from a good voice, Rolando had an analytical mind. He talked sensibly.

Floreta had asked him to stop his tirades, but he did not listen. He would always say: "This is my humble contribution to public service."

Several times before he was assassinated, Floreta had observed suspicious-looking persons passing by their house in Kaunlaran Subdivision. She tried to live with it and prepared herself to accept whatever would happen.

At first, Floreta could hardly understand why her husband loved to work even without getting paid for it.

"I didn't understand why he was involved with Bactaf (Barangay Anti-Crime Task Force) or be a radio commentator when he wasn't getting paid for it," she said.

Dodong, as he was fondly called, served the media and Bactaf without receiving anything in return. It could be sheer passion and a deep sense of volunteerism that drove him to go on despite the death threats.

Volunteer

Morales was a regular employee of the pineapple giant Dole Philippines (Dolefil).

His family lives in a middle-class subdivision. Morales earned an average of P12,000 for a 15-day work as Dolefil inspector. Floreta earns almost the same amount.

All their three children work in the same multinational company.

But Rolando also served as member of Bactaf to help maintain peace and order in Barangay Poblacion of Polomolok. At night, he joined other Bactaf volunteers in ensuring the safety and security of their village. He worked with Dolefil from 2 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Floreta realized his invaluable contribution to the community and the media profession only after he passed away.

"Because of Bactaf, our place is peaceful. You don't see minors roaming the streets at night," she said.

Just like her slain husband, Floreta displayed exemplary courage. She appeared calm when she faced media members for an interview the day after her husband was killed.

She admitted that Rolando's death was a big loss to her and her children. "We can do nothing. This was what he wanted. I'd been reminding him to stop with his commentary program, but he did not listen."

All she asked for is speedy justice.

Davao journalists learn gun handling, safety

By Germelina A. Lacorte
Guihing, Hagonoy, Davao del Sur

"INHALE, exhale, fire!" This was the instruction given the journalists when they began a gun shooting exercise at the newly opened Seagull firing range here recently.

"Just relax, don't be shy, we need to learn how to fire a gun," Danny Arellano, director of the Philippine Practical Shooting Association in Southern Mindanao, told the 20 journalists from Davao City and other areas.

RANGE officer Myking Callao gives some tips to INQUIRER Mindanao editorial assistant Joselle Badilla during a gun shooting exercise.
LEO PALO/CONTRIBUTOR

The gun handling safety training included a brief orientation on the country's firearms law, safety in handling a gun, and an actual shooting exercise where journalists were allowed to fire six rounds of bullets at the firing range.

Presidential Assistant for Mindanao Jesus Dureza, who sponsored the shootfest, owns the firing range.

Arellano said once the media participants completed the gun handling and safety briefing, they would be issued a gun safety certificate from Camp Crame, which they could use to purchase a gun.

"Everything is for free, as long as the media help in publicity," he said.

The training took place as officials of the New York-based Committee for the Protection of Journalists (CPJ) and the South East Asia Press Alliance (SEAPA) were in the city for consultations on recent attacks on journalists.

Abi Wright, CPJ Asia coordinator, and Roby Alampay, executive director of the SEAPA, met with journalists and families of the victims.

They said they were surprised by the huge streamer on the Dureza Cup shootfest that greeted them at the airport.

But Dureza defended the event saying it was not a call to arms.

Dureza, former editor of the local daily The Mindanao Times before he joined politics, said the training aimed to promote safe gun handling to the public.

If mediamen decided to arm themselves, "it's a matter of personal choice," he said.

"The move to arm journalists against these attacks is done not to protect journalists but to promote the gun industry," Alampay said.

Carmelito Francisco, NUJP Southern Mindanao chair, said Dureza's intention was good.

"However, allowing journalists to arm themselves exposes them to danger instead," he said.

Francisco said instead of helping arm journalists, the government should speed up the resolution of mysterious killings happening in the country, including those of journalists.

For Midsayap broadcaster Gary Fuerzas of Bombo Radyo, who survived seven attempts on his life, it was important to learn how to shoot.

He said a gun would help ward off potential threats to his life. *With a report from Joselle R. Badilla*

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Messages

My warmest felicitations to the officers and members of the Philippine Psychiatric Association, Inc. as you hold your 21st Postgraduate Course and 16th Midyear Convention.

I laud your efforts to live up to your social obligations as healthcare providers. I am particularly heartened by your initiative to get involved in nation building by actively promoting wellness in our communities. Your commitment to mental health and social service can only result in a healthier Philippine society.

This convention gives you the opportunity to deal with the critical issues concerning your profession and to discuss new approaches in treating psychiatric disorders. I hope you will continue to improve your standards to better serve your patients.

Together, we shall beat the odds and secure a healthier and more progressive future for all Filipinos.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

Gloria Arroyo
GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President

My warmest greetings to the officers and members of the Philippine Psychiatric Association, (PPA) Inc. on the holding of their 21st Postgraduate Course and 16th Midyear Convention entitled "Redefining the Practice of Psychiatry: Forging Partnerships for Mental Health"

PPA for the past years has been one of our active partners in promoting and implementing quality health programs throughout the country. Being dedicated and effective health care professionals, I trust that you will remain steadfast in your commitment to serve.

May this event assist you in developing programs that are essential and beneficial to our people. Let us continue to become more effective in implementing and promoting our health programs.

Let us continue to collaborate and work together to achieve a healthy and progressive nation.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III, M.D., MSc.
Secretary of Health

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Governors of the Philippine Medical Association, we heartily express our best wishes to the officers and members of the Philippine Psychiatric Association, Inc., on the occasion of its 21st Postgraduate Course and the observance of its 16th Midyear Convention.

Anchored on the theme, "Redefining the Practice of Psychiatry Forging Partnerships for Mental Health," this double header of a celebration aims to raise the profile and importance of mental healthcare. Rife with political turmoil and moral degeneracy, our country has unwittingly become an arena that feeds on the enveloping mood of depression among its people. Thus, we applaud the PPA Postgraduate Course and Midyear Convention for its timeliness and readiness in meeting the challenges of the times.

Congratulations! *Mabuhay ang* Philippine Psychiatric Association, Inc.!

MODESTO O. LLAMAS, M.D.
President, Philippine Medical Association

Program

20 July 2005 (Wednesday)

Officer of the Day	Salvador Benjamin D. Vista MD, FPPA
1:00 PM-onwards	OPENING OF REGISTRATION PRE-CONVENTION PARALLEL WORKSHOPS
1:00-5:30 PM	Part II Nullity of Marriage Seminar (Isla Ballroom 3) Chair Isagani S. Gonzales, MD, FPPA
1:00-1:15	Overview and Highlights of the Part I of Nullity of Marriage Seminar Speaker Isagani S. Gonzales, MD, FPPA
1:16-1:45	The Difficult Nullity Cases: Analysis Speaker Ruby de Guzman Manalastas, MD, FPPA
1:46-2:15	The Diagnostic Trap for Psychiatrists in Nullity Cases Speaker Dante H. Abcede, MD, FPPA
2:16-2:30	Break
2:31-3:00	The Judges' Expectations of Expert Witness Speaker Honorable Judge Elsa de Guzman
3:01-3:30	Office of the Solicitor General. Role of the OSG in Nullity Cases Speaker Atty. Derek Puertollano
3:31-4:15	Moot Court. Focus on the Expert Witness' Cross Examination Judge Justice Rizalina S. Bonifacio Vera Cross Examiner Atty. Bernie Flores Fiscal DCA Zenaida Elepano Expert Witness Felicitas Artiaga-Soriano, MD, FPPA
4:16-4:45	Surviving the Cross Examination Speaker A. Elren B. Reyes, MD, FPPA
4:46-5:30	Open Forum
1:00-5:00 PM	Workshop on the Integration of Social and Community Psychiatry in the General Psychiatry Residency Program (Lucena Room) Chair Eleanor Lacuna- Ronquillo, MD, FPPA
1:00-1:30	History of Social and Community Psychiatry in the Philippines Speaker Lourdes Ladrido-Ignacio, MD, FPPA
1:31-2:00	Presentation of Survey Results, Board Exam Questions Speaker Marissa B. Pascual, MD, DPBP
2:01-3:00	Presentation of Existing Curriculum in Social and Community Psychiatry Speaker Eleanor Lacuna-Ronquillo, MD, FPPA Discussion on Core Curriculum
3:01-4:00	Three Point Plan of Implementation Speaker Antonio C. Sison, MD, FPPA
4:01-4:30	Conclusion
4:31-5:00	Launching Komiks on Schizophrenia, an SCP Project by Rhodora Andrea M. Concepcion, MD with Eli Lilly (Phils.), Inc.
6:00-7:00 PM	OPENING CEREMONIES (Isla Ballrooms 1 and 2) Master of Ceremonies Ma. Luz Casimiro-Querubin, MD, FPPA Invocation Felicitas Artiaga-Soriano, MD, FPPA Philippine National Anthem and PPA Hymn Imelda Morales-Martin, MD, MHSA, FPPA Welcome Address Sonia Castro-Rodriguez, MD, FPPA, FCAPPI Opening Remarks and Introduction of Keynote Speaker Dulce Lizza Reyes-Sahagun, MD, FPPA Keynote Speaker: SENATOR COMPANYERA PIA CAYETANO
7:01-9:00 PM	Eli Lilly (Phils.) Inc. Dinner Symposium "Efficacy Matters: Starting and Staying on Antipsychotic Treatment" Speaker Pureza Trinidad-Oñate, MD, FPPA, FCAPPI Reactors Cornelio G. Banaag, Jr. MD, FPPA, FCAPPI Ma. Luz Casimiro-Querubin, MD, FPPA

21 July 2005 (Thursday)

Officers of the Day	Aura Lee Dado Antonio, MD, DPBP Carlo Eugenio V. Banaag, MD, DPBP
8:00 AM-onwards	REGISTRATION
8:30-9:00 AM	OPENING OF BOOTH EXHIBITS
9:01-12:00 NN	The Psychiatric Interview – A Boot Camp for Young Psychiatrists (Isla Ballrooms 1 and 2) Chair Ma. Luz Casimiro-Querubin, MD, FPPA
9:01-9:05 AM	Orientation Speaker Ma. Luz Casimiro-Querubin, MD, FPPA
9:06-9:25	Introduction to the Evaluation Process Speaker Norieta Calma-Balderrama, MD, FPPA, FCAPPI
9:26-9:45	The Structured Clinical Interview: Ask the Right Questions and Analyze the Answers Speaker Ruby de Guzman Manalastas, MD, FPPA
9:46-10:05	The Mental Status Examination Speaker Laureen SA. Conanan, MD, FPPA
10:06-10:25	The Neurologic Exam: Discerning the Neurology-Psychiatry Interface Speaker Gerardo Carmelo B. Salazar, MD, FPNA
10:26-10:45	The Psychodynamic Formulation – Interpreting Meaning in Patient Symptoms Speaker June Pagaduan-Lopez, MD, FPPA
10:46-11:00	Break
11:01-12:00	Hands-on Exercises
12:01-2:00 PM	Sanofi-Aventis Lunch Symposium "Sleep Disorders in the Elderly" Speaker Ruby de Guzman Manalastas, MD, FPPA
2:01-3:30 PM	PARALLEL SESSIONS Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (Boracay Room) "The Challenge of Giftedness" Chair Maria Portia Valles-Luspo, MD, FPPA, FCAPPI
2:01-2:25	Definition and Assessment of Giftedness Speaker Alexis L. Reyes, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP
2:26-2:50	The Psychological Impact of Giftedness Speaker Japhet Gonsaya Fernandez de Leon, MD, FPPA, FCAPPI
2:51-3:15	A Parent Speaks .. Speaker Mrs. Naida Rivera
3:16-3:30	Open Forum
	Geriatric Psychiatry (Balanos Room) "Recommendations in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Dementia" Chair Constantine D. Della, MD, DPBP
2:01-2:10	Introduction to the Process Speaker Shelley F. de la Vega, MD
2:11-2:30	Recommendations in the Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Dementia Speaker Grace O. Orteza, MD, FPNA
2:31-2:40	Recommendations in the Prevention of Alzheimer's Dementia Speaker Miguel A. Ramos, MD, FPCP
2:41-3:00	Recommendations in the Management of Alzheimer's Dementia a) Non-Pharmacological Management Speaker Doris Maribel dela Cuesta-Camagay, MD, DFM, FPSGM b) Pharmacological Management of Cognitive Problems Speaker Ma. Socorro C. Martinez, MD, FPNA c) Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms Speaker Monina Garduño-Cruz, MD, FPPA
3:01-3:30	Open Forum
3:31- 4:00 PM	Break (Snacks will be served outside the Boracay room)
4:01-6:30 PM	BUSINESS MEETING (Boracay Room)
6:31-7:00 PM	INDUCTION OF REGULAR MEMBERS Chairperson Imelda Morales-Martin, MD, MHSA, FPPA
7:01-9:00 PM	Janssen Pharmaceutica Dinner Symposium (Isla Ballrooms 1 and 2) "Shifting the Paradigm of Treatment of Schizophrenia" Speaker Prof. Prakash Masand, MD

* Booths will be closed from 9:00-9:30 AM and from 2:00-2:30 PM

22 July 2005 (Friday)

Officers of the Day	Carmina G. Bernardo, MD, DPBP Minda Luz C. Manas, MD
8:00 AM	REGISTRATION TOUR OF BOOTH EXHIBITS
9:00-9:45 AM	Alteration of CNS-Immune System Interaction: Repercussions in Mental and Physical Health (Isla Ballrooms 1 and 2) Chair Rene M. Samaniego, MD, DPBP
9:00-9:20	Speaker Paulino S. Tenchavez, MD, FPNA
9:21-9:45	Open Forum
9:46-10:45 AM	Media and the Filipino Psyche Chair Felicitas Artiaga-Soriano, MD, FPPA
9:46-10:15	Media, Sex and Violence: Impact on the Filipino Psyche Speaker Mr. Jesus P. Abrera, Jr.
10:16-10:30	Media and Psychiatry: Friend or Foe? Speaker Ma. Rosanna E. De Guzman, MD, FPPA
10:31-10:45	Open Forum
10:46-11:00	Break
11:01-12:00 NN	Relationship of Psychiatrists with the Pharmaceutical Industry: Critical Collaboration? Chair Pureza Trinidad-Oñate, MD, FPPA, FCAPPI
11:01-11:25	Speakers Margaret Briones-Querijero, MD, FPPA
11:26-11:50	Pacita R. Salcedo, MD, FPPA
11:51-12:00	Open Forum
12:01-2:00 PM	AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals Lunch Symposium "Bipolar Disorder: Managing Thru the Entire Spectrum" Speakers Sonia Castro-Rodriguez, MD, FPPA, FCAPPI Ma. Luz Casimiro-Querubin, MD, FPPA
2:01-3:30 PM	PARALLEL SESSIONS Addiction Psychiatry (Boracay Room) "Workplace Addiction: A Venue for Psychiatric Practice" Chair Bonita Sta. Ana-Ponio, MD, FPPA
2:01-2:30	Speakers Mr. Orlando C. Alparece, Jr.
2:31-3:00	Noel V. Reyes, MD, FPPA
3:01-3:30	Open Forum
	Social and Community Psychiatry (Balanos Room) "Disasters: How Do Psychiatrists and the PPA Respond?" Chair Antonio C. Sison, MD, FPPA
2:01-2:10	Overview Speaker Antonio C. Sison, MD, FPPA
2:11-2:40	Mental Health in Emergencies Speaker Lourdes Ladrido-Ignacio, MD, FPPA
2:41-3:10	Responding to Children in Difficult Circumstances Speaker Angela Aida Hilo-Jao, MD, FPPA, FCAPPI
3:11-3:30	Open Forum
3:31-4:00 PM	Break (Snacks will be served outside the Boracay room)
4:01-5:00 PM	Redefining the Practice of Psychiatry in the Philippines (Boracay Room) Speaker June Pagaduan-Lopez, MD, FPPA
5:01-7:00 PM	Lundbeck (Phils.) Inc. Dinner Symposium "Stepping Up the Tempo of Antidepressant Therapy" Speaker Edgardo Juan L. Tolentino, Jr. MD, FPPA
7:01-7:30 PM	CLOSING CEREMONIES (Isla Ballrooms 1 and 2) Master of Ceremonies Ma. Luz Casimiro-Querubin, MD, FPPA Invocation Maria Imelda B. Batar, MD, FPPA Philippine National Anthem and PPA Hymn Southern Tagalog Group of Psychiatrists (STGP) Summary of Events Dulce Lizza Reyes-Sahagun, MD, FPPA Closing Remarks and Awarding of Certificates of Appreciation Sonia Castro- Rodriguez, MD, FPPA, FCAPPI
7:31 PM-onwards	FELLOWSHIP NIGHT Chairperson Antonio C. Sison, MD, FPPA

*Booths will be closed from 9:00-9:30 AM and from 2:00-2:30 PM

Messages

Greetings!

As the nation's mental health is besieged by numerous challenges from within and without its consciousness, the practice of Psychiatry continues to evolve in response to such demands. This year, the Philippine Psychiatric Association reconnects and reaffirms its partnerships with colleagues from allied professions and disciplines in the pursuit of quality mental health for the Filipino people.

I enjoin all of you to share with your thoughts and your fellowship during the PPA's 21st Post Graduate Course and 16th Midyear Convention with the theme "Redefining the Practice of Psychiatry: Forging Partnerships for Mental Health" at the Edsa Shangri-la Hotel on July 20-22, 2005.

See you all there!

SONIA CASTRO-RODRIGUEZ, MD, FPPA, FCAPPI
President
Philippine Psychiatric Association, Inc.

Greetings to our dear colleagues!

Our role as psychiatrists is changing fast. Traditional medical thinking has placed more emphasis on treatment, and the entire healthcare system is organized around care rather than prevention of mental illness and promotion of mental health. We do not have enough psychiatrists to support this doctor-dominated model of care. Modern models are based on partnerships between psychiatrists, patients, carers, and other disciplines in mental health. The implication of change can be felt at all levels. psychiatrists work with multi-disciplinary teams in which some of their former roles may be given to others. We network with other psychiatrists' organizations to share concerns and expertise Where healthcare resources are limited, the challenge is in strengthening primary care – through prevention of mental disorders and promotion of mental health. The key is to establish strong links across sectors, and to utilize synergies of effort. This is the rationale for this year's theme: Redefining the Practice of Psychiatry: Forging Partnerships for Mental Health.

We, as psychiatrists, have a unique perspective and authority based on understanding the multiple personal and environmental contributions to mental health and illness at individual and population levels, and their consequences in terms of health, productivity, and quality of life. We are in a position to offer vital contributions to public health through action and advocacy.

Let this midyear convention set the pace!

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Mining firm sued for discrimination vs tribal kids

BAGUIO CITY—Parents of indigenous Filipino pupils, who were barred from enrolling at a school administered by the Philex Mining Corp. in Tuba, Benguet, sued the mining firm for discrimination at the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples.

Twenty-one parents asked the NCIP to intervene because of supposed evidence that the firm allowed only one group of indigenous Filipino children to enroll this school year at Philex-subsidized elementary and high schools, at the expense of children from Ifugao, Mt. Province and Cagayan.

Joy Angelica Santos-Doctor, an NCIP lawyer, said the children now in school belong to a group of indigenous peoples (IPs), whose ancestry has yet to be established.

Doctor said the NCIP would file the complaint with the Benguet Prosecutor's Office because the charges make Philex criminally liable under the provisions of the Republic Act 8371 (Indigenous Peoples Rights Act) and Republic Act 7610 (the anti-child abuse law).

The NCIP has cited section 21 of Ipra, which is an "equal protection clause" against discrimination, and which covers all schools. Section 72 of the anti-child abuse law also carries similar protection for children against discrimination, according to the agency.

Philex officials have declined to comment until they receive a copy of the complaint.

But Redempta Baluda, Philex spokesperson, said the firm decided to reduce the enrollment of the Philex Mines Elementary School (PMES) and the Saint Louis High School (SLHS) to the dependents of active mine employees and Tuba residents because of the high maintenance cost.

These schools are operated by the Baguio Catholic vicariate although Philex subsidizes both schools annually with a P24 million budget, according to Baluda. The firm also spends P5 million monthly to pay for the school's electricity bills.

The firm is also banking on a 2004 agreement with the parents that gave the former employees until the end of the previous school year to transfer their children and dependents to new schools.

Philex is undertaking a decongestion and phaseout plan for its eventual shutdown in 2011. The gradual relinquishment of the schools and the eviction of former employees from the mine camp are part of this plan. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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PLANTING SEASON
Farmers of Candon City, Ilocos Sur start planting *palay* as the rainy season starts.

Visayas, Bicol govs draw up plans to set up 'republics'

FED UP with always having to be dictated by "Imperial Manila," the governors of Western, Central and Eastern Visayas have started plans to form a separate "Visayas republic" in case President Macapagal-Arroyo is forcibly removed from office.

Governors from Mindanao and the Bicol region have also started thinking of their own republics.

Oriental Negros Gov. George Arnaiz, who is also chair of the Central Visayas Regional Development Council, said the idea of forming a federal Visayas republic came out spontaneously during a meeting of governors in Manila last Wednesday at the Century Park Hotel, borne out of their "frustration" over how events in Metro Manila are affecting the rest of the country.

Referring to the people power uprisings of 1986 and 1991, Arnaiz said "we are always dictated upon by Manila, even if there are only a few ralliers."

Arnaiz said the sentiment was also expressed by his fellow Visayan governors, as rallies demanding the ouster of President Arroyo were again seen in Metro Manila.

"We have been removing presidents since the time of [Ferdinand] Marcos. If they themselves cannot respect the Constitution, how can we respect it?"

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Arnaiz said that of the Visayas governors, only Northern Samar Gov. Raul Daza did not sign the manifesto supporting a "federal Visayas republic" because the first portion was in support of President Arroyo. Daza, however, favors the idea of having a federal republic, Arnaiz said.

"We have everything in the Visayas except the Armed forces, and a few airplanes. But we are not really preparing for external aggression. We only need to fight local criminality," Arnaiz said.

He said while it will initially be difficult for the Visayas provinces to stand on its own, the bulk of the income for this "Republic" would be its collections from international ports like Cebu.

"Soon, we will have an international port in Iloilo and Bacolod. We should also start paying the right taxes," he said.

The idea has gained the support of local executives down to the municipal level, Arnaiz said.

This movement will be similar but separate from the federal movement that is also being planned by Mindanao governors, Arnaiz added.

On Tuesday, the governors and some mayors of the Visayas will meet in Cebu to discuss the concept further. The meeting, to be hosted by Cebu Gov. Gwen Garcia, will be held simultaneously with a similar meeting in Davao among Mindanao governors and mayors.

"We will meet in order to understand better what this movement is all about in case we don't follow our Constitution," Arnaiz said.

Sorsogon Gov. Raul Lee, who said he is the spokesperson of the six governors in the region, said they were serious in putting up their own "republic" in the Bicol region if unconstitutional moves to oust President Arroyo succeeded.

Lee said that even the groups pressuring the President to resign were working against the Constitution because the decision of resignation must come from herself alone.

"What will happen to the votes people cast, which have given the President a mandate? Will they just come to naught?" Lee asked.

Lee said Bicol is a strategic region because it supplies a significant volume of power to Metro Manila with its two geothermal plants.

He said that if Ms Arroyo is unseated unconstitutionally, they could cut power supply to Metro Manila.

But Legazpi City Vice Mayor Jess Rico Salazar said there was no need for a mini-republic in the country or in the province. "We will not survive as a nation. It will only divide us even more," he said.

In Koronadal City, the move to create a Mindanao Republic would only worsen the decades-old conflict on the island, according to South Cotabato Gov. Daisy Fuentes.

The establishment of an independent Mindanao was being peddled by One People Mindanao, a group headed by former Transportation Secretary Pantaleon Alvarez.

Alvarez's group even came up with a flag for the proposed republic, a yellow octagram adorned by eight stars, and a "national anthem."

Alvarez said his group has been gaining support with the protests that have been rocking the capital.

Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte said he would support the creation of a separate government for Mindanao if Ms Arroyo was ousted through violent means. Duterte is Ms Arroyo's antiterror adviser. *Alex V. Pal, PDI Visayas Bureau; Juan Escandor Jr. and Leo Martin B. Ganace, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; Jeoffrey Maitem, Anthony S. Allada, Ferdinand O. Zuasola and Germelina A. Lacorte, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Comelec exec found guilty of poll fraud

TARLAC CITY—A judge here has found an election officer in Gerona town guilty of electoral fraud during the 2001 elections and sentenced him to a year in prison.

In a six-page decision on Thursday, Judge Arsenio Adriano of the regional trial court here also ordered Gerardo Gonzales, former election registrar of Gerona, to pay lawyer Regina Laxa, the complainant, P108,000 in damages.

Laxa, a candidate for a seat in the Gerona council in 2001, sued Gonzales and nine others for tampering with the statement of votes covering four precincts in the town. The tampering, Laxa said, resulted in the increase in the number of votes of her rival, Manuel Milla.

Milla was initially declared the winner but was eventually replaced by Laxa, who filed the case before the Commission on Elections.

The court, however, acquitted Gonzales' co-accused—municipal treasurer Santiago Viray Jr., municipal assessor Dante Mata, municipal engineer Teodoro Cabanes, Bureau of Internal Revenue field officer Nelia Dalao, and school principals Engelbert Agunday Venancio Tabillos, Himaya Bumagat, Isaias Gregorio and Jose Domingo.

Adriano said it was "difficult to pinpoint who made the alterations on the statement of votes [in favor of Milla]. Nobody saw who did it. Not one of the accused ... would admit making (it)."

The court, he said, therefore had to "resort to elimination process." He said no one but Gonzales could have "made the alterations.
Russell Arador, PDI Central Luzon Desk

PMA cadets allowed to watch news but to maintain silence

FORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—Philippine Military Academy officials did not keep the crisis affecting President Macapagal-Arroyo from cadets, who watched the President apologize for her "lapse in judgment" when she talked to an election official last year.

But Lt. Gen. Cristolito Balaoing, PMA superintendent, said he asked the cadets to "keep their feelings to themselves," to comply with the instructions of Armed Forces chief of staff Gen. Efren Abu.

Balaoing said he read Abu's message on Friday to PMA employees, advising them to remain neutral as Ms Arroyo's critics stepped up the pressure to oust her from office.

He said the PMA remains on low alert.

On Saturday, the PMA gave Lt. Gen. Allan Cabalquinto, Armed Forces commander for the National Capital Region, parade honors when he received the PMA achievement award.

Balaoing said the PMA allows its cadets access to all information to "help them prepare for the real world."

Both Balaoing and his predecessor, AFP deputy chief of staff Lt. Gen. Edilberto Adan, instituted a process of interaction between instructors and cadets to solicit feedback.

These are part of the reforms PMA undertook following a stakeholders' summit in 2002 to help discourage military adventurism.

In July 2003, PMA had to address the impact of the failed Oakwood mutiny that was led by PMA graduates.

"[Cadets] have access to the Internet. They are required to read newspapers everyday. When you are a cadet, you have to read at least the headline, the national news, the comics section, the sports section. [These sections become] part of the general knowledge," Balaoing said. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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We will not remain bystanders in the political crisis that we are now facing. We demand from our officials to recognize the urban poor as a strong and unified force that deserves to participate in all decisions that affect our lives.

We demand immediate and substantial reforms. Whoever the president and other officials will be, we urge the government to implement the following urban poor agenda:

1. **OPERATIONALIZE** the Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC) immediately. It has been more than a year since the issuance of E.O. 272, yet the SHFC has not been registered. The Community Mortgage Program (CMP) assets should be transferred to the SHFC. We also endorse Atty. Miriam E. Quizon to be appointed as president of the SHFC.
2. **SCRAP** CMP Circular #31, series 005 as this order signed by NHMFC President Celso de los Angeles clearly takes away the immediate tenurial security enjoyed by the community associations under the previous guidelines. We also call for the immediate removal of Celso de los Angeles as President of the NHMFC for gross insubordination and incompetence in failing to implement E.O. 272. Increase fund allocation for the CMP.
3. **RESUME** and **EXPAND** the coverage of executive issuances declaring government lands and alienable and disposable public land for housing purposes to at least 150,000 family-beneficiaries annually.
4. **FAST TRACK** the completion of the post proclamation activities by instituting clear guidelines that will effect affordable and cost-efficient post proclamation projects for the poor. The government should initiate proper consultations with the stakeholders in the finalization of the guidelines. Also, the government should allocate resources necessary for the implementation of post proclamation activities.
5. **ISSUE** an official directive to HUDCC to conduct an independent project evaluation and performance audit on the National Government Center (NGC).
6. **PRESENT** an official report as a result of the investigation of the Lungsod Silangan proclamation project as mandated by M.O. 72 and take appropriate actions based on the findings; Create immediately the Project Management Office (PMO) as prescribed by MO 102 and formulate a development master plan for Lungsod Silangan.
7. **CREATE** an independent commission through an executive order to ensure proper implementation of the Sec. 28 of UDHA *(no demolition without proper and adequate relocation)*, with the authority to investigate violations, issue *subpoena duces tecum* and *subpoena ad testificandum* and prosecute violators. This commission shall issue a certificate of compliance including court ordered demolitions to ensure the preparedness of the relocation sites.
8. **ISSUE** a presidential directive to NHA and DPWH to cease using PD 1472 *(mandating NHA to evict recalcitrant)* and the National Building Code respectively to justify the demolition of urban poor communities.
9. **INSTITUTIONALIZE** the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) in every government infrastructure project that will affect the urban poor communities and allocate resources accordingly.
10. **PUT** in an escrow account the funds representing the allocation of the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) for the relocation of the families affected by the Pasig River Rehabilitation project.
11. **CONSIDER AS URGENT** the consolidated 4-point agenda of the Pasig River informal settlers promulgated in June 2005. Demolition and resettlement of squatters is not the solution to the rehabilitation of Pasig River. The issue involves many sectors including major industrial pollutants, upstream settlements and overall forest denudation that contribute to the present state of Pasig River. Rehabilitate and revive an ecologically balanced Pasig River System; Recognize the "People's Plan" as an alternative housing solution by the affected communities along the river system; Facilitate an effective multi-stakeholders approach towards sustainable riverside community; and Come up with a comprehensive study to address river issues concerning flood control, filtration system and environmental degradation.
12. **EXPAND** the coverage of the KALAHI-CIDSS/KALAHI-URBAN in the urban poor communities including resettlement areas to ensure effective and efficient delivery of adequate basic services. Instruct HUDCC to include water sanitation and drainage in all its housing plans for poor people.
13. **CERTIFY** as urgent to Congress the passage of the creation of Local Housing Board (LHB) and institutionalize and implement IRR of the existing LHB.
14. **CALL** for Constitutional Convention to effect constitutional reforms that will ensure the participation of the underprivileged and marginalized sectors of the society.

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Low-key archbishop of Jaro is CBCP head

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE COUNTRY'S Roman Catholic bishops yesterday chose a low-key, soft-spoken prelate to steer the Church through a time of political turmoil.

Archbishop Angel Lagdameo of Jaro, Iloilo was elected president of the Catholic Bishops of the Philippines during its 91st plenary meeting in Manila. He was previously CBCP vice president.

Lagdameo, 64, took over the reins from Davao Archbishop Fernando Capalla at a time when bishops were seen as divided—if not indecisive—over demands for President Macapagal-Arroyo's resignation.

His election came at a time when the country's estimated 73 million Catholics needed guidance from the Church's 121 bishops.

Church voice

Insiders agree that the CBCP would "get back its voice" with Lagdameo at the helm.

Bishops had been largely silent as a collective body throughout much the two-year term of Capalla, who had been perceived to be close to the beleaguered Ms Arroyo.

Lagdameo seems like a mirror that reflects many images.

One official described him as a "progressive who is not afraid to institute reforms when needed."

But one priest also called him an "old school and a conservative" in the sense that he was not like the late Jaime Cardinal Sin, who was never afraid to speak out quickly on issues of immense importance.

Sin, who died last month, was also a bishop of Jaro.

Cracking the whip

"He's not afraid to speak his mind and he's not laid back," said the official, referring to Lagdameo's reformist style.

Lagdameo was among the few bishops who have publicly spoken out on the controversy surrounding Ms Arroyo's alleged involvement in election fraud, calling on the faithful to pray that she "may be open to the true solution of 'lost credibility'..."

But he also called on his Jaro flock to "strongly reject the path of violence and revolution" in resolving the crisis.

"We do not set right a wrong with another wrong," he said

Heart for farmers, workers

Lagdameo was also at the forefront of the movement involved in protest actions that led to the ousting of President Joseph Estrada in 2001.

He has also backed issues affecting farmers and workers.

With CBCP under Lagdameo's helm, the Church can "explore other avenues of service that in the past has been unexplored because of conservatism," said Msgr. Meliton Oso of Jaro.

Another church insiser said Lagdameo had always been known as one who was "very open and lets his views known."

"But that was before he became CBCP president," he said. "Back then he was speaking only for his diocese. Now, he has to be more careful because he will be speaking on behalf of the CBCP." *Nestor P. Burgos Jr., PDI Visayas Bureau*

Joker said to be mentoring Noli ...

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hence the group's name, even after De Castro was elected Vice President in 2004. "We splurge on good food and very intelligent conversations," a member said, saying they take turns hosting the hotel luncheons that further cemented their friendship.

It had been De Castro's support group ever since.

More frequent, secret

The luncheons have become more frequent, and more secret, in the last few weeks since Ms Arroyo's family was accused of taking "jueteng" kickbacks, and she of cheating in the 2004 elections documented in tapes of her wiretapped conversations with an election official.

In one of those luncheons weeks ago, De Castro brushed off discussions of possibly becoming the country's No. 1 official while lamenting *"Bakit tayo nagkakaganito?"*(Why is our country like this?)

"You better prepare. You'll never know what will happen," the Wednesday Group told him.

De Castro reportedly said he was "partly afraid" of becoming President at this time when the political turmoil arising from Ms Arroyo's actions is made more harsh by the imposition of new taxes sought by Ms Arroyo.

Obligation

"Will I answer for VAT (the imposition of value-added tax), the increasing prices of oil and basic commodities? The people, and my friends in the media, will curse me everyday," was how De Castro expressed his reservations.

Arroyo reportedly sternly told him: "It is your obligation. The moment we have no President, without any moment of hesitation you have to take your oath before a notary public so that the country is not without a President even for a minute. Your formal oath-taking before the Supreme Court chief justice can come later."

Villar recently said De Castro was not salivating over the presidency. "He knows it's an awesome responsibility," Villar said.

For all his reluctance, the group members agreed that De Castro was conscious of his responsibility and would not shirk it once he is called upon.

Several days ago, De Castro made a rare public appearance telling his critics not to belittle his capability and reminded them that the Constitution provides for the Vice President to succeed in the event of the resignation, death or impeachment of the President.

De Castro appeared unperturbed. He skipped to Hong Kong to celebrate his 56th birthday several days ago. But INQUIRER sources said he had meetings there with various callers, including Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima who led nine other Cabinet members who resigned yesterday. An INQUIRER source in Malacañang said Senate President Franklin Drilon also met him in Hong Kong but this could not be immediately confirmed. *(See story on Page A1.)*

Just dropping by

Upon his return from Hong Kong, De Castro went straight to a meeting with Joker Arroyo and Villar even before he could answer President Arroyo's urgent call for him to hurry to Malacañang. Environment Secretary Mike Defensor had to come get him.

Villar downplayed the meeting, saying he, Arroyo and Defensor were just having lunch in Arroyo's Dasmariñas Village house when De Castro "dropped by."

An INQUIRER source said De Castro, while a team player, did "not want to be too close to Gloria." The source said De Castro was not invited to Malacañang's crisis meetings over the jueteng and tape scandals.

The INQUIRER source said Ms Arroyo's only worry nowadays is that she would lose her immunity once she stepped down and could face suits and imprisonment.

Still supports GMA

Asked whether De Castro is likely to agree to give Ms Arroyo immunity, the source said: "I can only observe that Noli will not answer back. During the election, he was cheated and everything bad was thrown at him but he did not fret."

After the Nacionalista Party made a party stand last Friday leaving it up to the President to decide to resign or not, Villar, the NP president, said the issue of who would succeed as Vice President once De Castro becomes President has not been discussed in the De Castro circle: "We have not talked about that because up to now, the Vice President is fully supportive of the President."

TWO PRESIDENTS. Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, now CBCP president, welcomed President Arroyo during the 28th General Assembly and annual meeting of the Bishops Businessmen Conference for Human Development at the PNB Financial Center in Pasay City last year.

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Bishops at a loss ...

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agonized over the contents of a statement they planned to release today dealing with the country's worsening political crisis and how best to resolve it.

The planned bishops' statement will be the church body's first under the stewardship of Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, who was elected new CBCP President.

As of yesterday afternoon, the proposed draft of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines statement had gone through at least three revisions and was still being deliberated, said a ranking Church official privy to the closed-door meeting at the Pope Pius XII Catholic Center in Manila.

Church insiders say the prelates were very careful with the statement, considering that it might decide the fate of President Macapagal-Arroyo—and the country.

"They know that the impact will be great," one observer said yesterday.

Although several bishops have ruled out joining a growing clamor for Ms Arroyo's ouster, the meeting remains divided over the wording of the final draft, a highly placed source told the INQUIRER yesterday.

"It's been clear as early as in the first draft that the bishops will not impose on the President to resign," the source said.

'Is that enough?'

But another source, also privy to the deliberations, said some prelates were not yet sold on the idea that the Church should distance itself from those calling for the President's resignation in the wake of allegations that she was involved in vote-rigging during the May 2004 elections.

"Is that enough?" the prelates supposedly asked while discussing a draft that calls for something less than a demand for Ms Arroyo's resignation.

The source said the phrase "will not impose on the President to resign" was included in the initial draft prepared by Archbishops Orlando Quevedo of Cotabato and Leonardo Legaspi of Caceres and Bishops Chito Tagle of Imus and Nereo Odchimar of Tandag.

Silent Trio

Quevedo and Legaspi, both former CBCP presidents, are considered to be among the "deep thinkers and natural writers" of the Philippine church.

As members of the drafting committee, the four bishops had been presiding over deliberations and considering revisions on the drafts being proposed by fellow prelates, one of the INQUIRER sources said.

Throughout the deliberations, Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales, Cebu Archbishop Ricardo Cardinal Vidal and Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz were quiet and "simply listened," the source said.

The third draft submitted for deliberations yesterday afternoon was still "moderate" and bishops were "very calm" during discussions, he said.

Open-ended

In an emergency meeting on Thursday night, Rosales and at least three other bishops discussed the possibility of the CBCP calling on Ms Arroyo to make the "ultimate sacrifice". of resignation, the INQUIRER learned.

"We cannot really tell what position it would take until we see the final draft," the source told the INQUIRER. "So far, the matter is open-ended."

The CBCP was supposed to have begun deliberating on its official position only yesterday. But the prelates advanced their calendar and began their discussions on Friday because of swiftly evolving political events.

Initially, the bishops were rumored to be preparing to release their statement yesterday morning.

Many gray areas

One of the INQUIRER sources said that, to some bishops, there were still "gray areas" in the scandal confronting Ms Arroyo, unlike in the case of Joseph Estrada and Ferdinand Marcos, who were both ousted by church-backed popular revolts.

To them, it was not yet too clear if Ms Arroyo had indeed been involved in rigging last-year's elections, as suggested by her supposed wiretapped conversations with a ranking election official, the Church insider said.

"They were still waiting for clearer things," he said. "There are just too many gray areas."

The other source said the initial drafts mentioned that bishops were open to the establishment of a "truth commission" to find out if the President had indeed cheated.

Garci tapes

There was also mention of the controversial "Garci" tapes, the need to continue investigation and the option of impeachment, the source said.

"These are in the statement already and they're not quarrelling about them anymore," the source said. "The bishops were just deliberating on the wordings."

The other source said the initial drafts also quoted portions from Rosales' pastoral letter read in all Masses last Sunday, calling on the faithful to reject violence in resolving the crisis while reminding the President that seeking forgiveness required accountability.

Ms Arroyo earlier admitted that she had phoned an election official and apologized for what she claimed was a "lapse in judgment."

Gonzalez on serenade: Don't play it again, Dinky

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former congressman from Iloilo.

The song was sung by Cabinet members at the Palace guesthouse, to show their support for President Macapagal-Arroyo, after her apology on national television late last month for a "lapse in judgement." They also gave Ms Arroyo a bouquet of flowers.

The other day, 10 Cabinet members, including one of the President's closest allies, Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman, resigned and called on the President to step down.

"She was the first to jump [ship]," Gonzalez said of Soliman, who had the bright idea of serenading the President with the song by Diana Ross, after Ms Arroyo apologized on TV for talking with an election official during the canvassing of the presidential votes last year.

In an earlier interview, Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas said it was Soliman who made copies of the song for Cabinet members to sing.

'All the things you are'

Gonzalez, who vowed to stay with the President even if he was the "last Cabinet man standing," said his song of preference for Ms Arroyo is "All the Things You Are."

Since the Jerome Kern/Oscar Hammerstein II song has never made it to MTV, the youngish crowd of press people asked the justice secretary to sing a few bars.

Gonzalez offered to rap some lyrics: "You are the promised kiss of springtime/ That makes the lonely winter seem long."

Gonzalez, however, had only unkind words for Soliman and the nine other Cabinet secretaries who resigned, saying their actions were "deplorable, considering that the President trusted them."

He said they should have voiced their "misgivings" to the President, instead of handing in their resignations.

'Hidden agenda'

"It is obvious that they have a hidden agenda," he said, adding that they could have been "contaminated" by some people they were dealing with, including communist and Moro rebel groups, urban poor and civil society groups.

Gonzalez was referring to Teresita Quintos-Deles, presidential adviser on the peace process.

"I think the least they could have done was talk to the President in private and tell her what they feel are her shortcomings—not to distribute the song 'If We Hold on Together' with a different agenda in their hearts ... and [later] offer [her] flowers," he said.

Gonzalez said Soliman's group had been "vocal" about the need for the First Gentleman to go on exile and for Representatives Mikey and Ignacio Arroyo to resign from their posts.

Middle forces

He said they also warned that the "middle forces (middle to upper class of society) are already against us."

Whether or not Soliman's group was disappointed that the two Arroyo congressmen failed to resign, Gonzalez, who was shy to admit his closeness with the two, made this comment: "Is the President the keeper of her brother-in-law? Are they not satisfied that the First Gentleman left after they [asked] for his blood?"

The justice secretary also said he didn't think the middle forces—the so-called civil society group—were against the President.

Only in Manila

Gonzalez said only the people in Metro Manila were noisy about their call for the President to resign—a view that was not shared in the provinces. He said they were also mobilizing groups to show their support for the President.

"My own district is mobilized ... to come out in support of the President," he said, adding that he would call on all his leaders in Iloilo to show people in Metro Manila that more people want the President to stay in office.

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NBP to give landlines to inmates

By Jocelyn R. Uy

INMATES of the New Bilibid Prisons (NBP) will soon have access to landline telephones.

In an effort to curb the smuggling of cellular phones at the penitentiary, NBP officials have decided to install phone booths at the maximum security prison.

"We [hope] this move discourages inmates from sneaking in cellular phones," NBP Superintendent Juanito Leopando told the INQUIRER in a phone interview.

According to Leopando, routine inspections by jail officers often result in the discovery of cellular phones among contraband being smuggled into the jail facility.

"If phone booths are available here inside the jail, they don't have to use cell phones to call their families or relatives," he said.

As of last week, at least five card-operated phone booths had been installed at the maximum security compound.

However, Leopando added that the telephones were not yet in operation because Bureau of Corrections Director Vicente Vinarao wanted to study the procedures for their use.

Under proposed procedures, inmates wishing to use the landlines would have to buy a phone card worth P50 from various Inmate Post Exchange stores in the prison.

These stores would be run by an NBP officer.

Five more phone booths will be set up next week, said Leopando.

The putting up of phone booths inside the prison will also help NBP officials monitor the activities of the inmates, many of whom are high-profile convicts, he said.

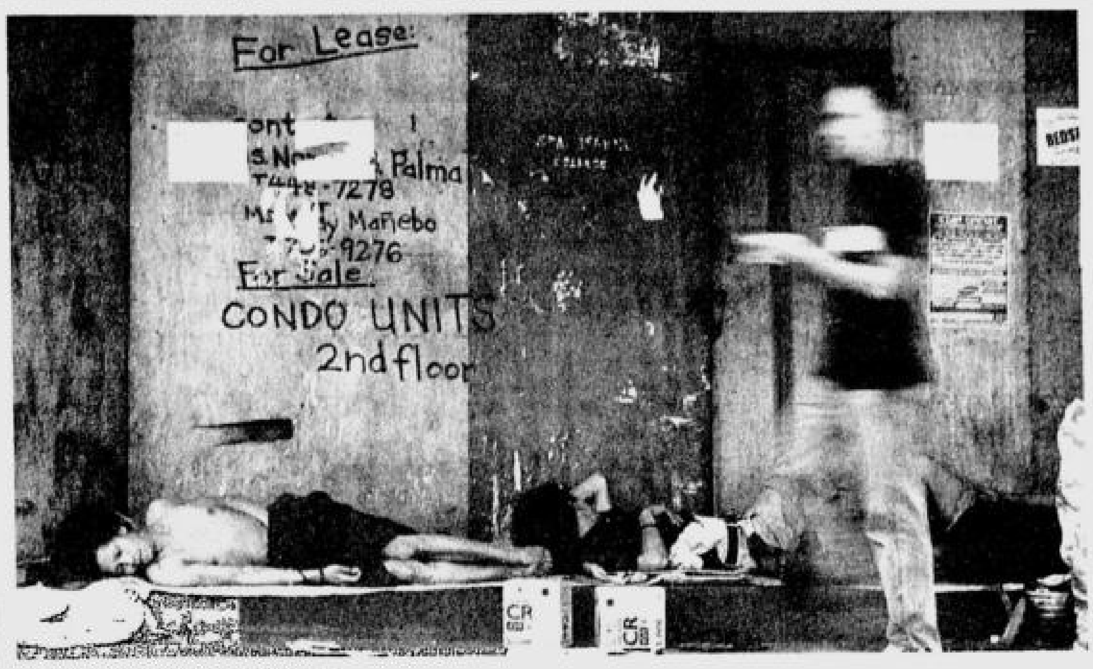
Callers would have to sign a logbook, recording their name and the persons they wish to talk to and the time of their call.

An NBP staff member would be assigned to each booth to do the monitoring, explained Leopando.

He emphasized that the availability of phones inside the jail would help ease the boredom of prisoners.

"These (phones) would be of great help to inmates whose families live far away. The least these could do is to let inmates get in touch with their loved ones," the prison superintendent said.

The telephones are being provided by the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.



STREET-LEVEL CONDO
Several men sleep on a sidewalk on España in Manila. Lack of shelter force many people to live in the streets of the city.
REM ZAMORA

An officer and a gentlewoman

By Nancy C. Carvajal

SENIOR Inspector Virginia Tujeco, who heads the Caloocan City Police Women's and Children's Protection Desk, is wary of media people, especially those seeking information on cases being handled by her office.

She worries that media attention on some cases would hurt the victim in the long run.

The multi-awarded woman police officer mentioned the case of the girl raped by former congressman Romeo Jalosjos, who is now serving a jail term for the crime. It bothered her that the victim's face was eventually exposed in the media.

"[The] media should have left her alone even if she was already of age. Anyway the case was finished and Jalosjos was sent to jail," Tujeco said.

Victims protected

She added that the cases filed in her office were strictly confidential and they made every effort to see to it that the victims' identities were protected all the time.

If victims were not identified, the police officer said, they would be spared from ridicule later on.

She said her attempts to protect victims, earned her the ire of some reporters who wanted to know details of crimes.

"I had been reprimanded a lot of times for not being cooperative with reporters but I stood my ground when it came to young victims," she said.

As for adult victims, she said she let them decide whether or not they wanted to talk to reporters.

"I do not stop them, but I give them fair warning of possible exploitation," she added.

A teacher, too

As if her tasks as police officer do not keep her busy enough, the chief of the Caloocan Police's Women's Desk also teaches basic Mathematics, Science, English and Filipino to kindergarten kids aged two to six.

One hardly recognizes her—dressed in black slacks and white long-sleeved blouse—in a classroom with drawings of cartoon characters on the walls.

She has been teaching for three years now. "It is part of the police's job to reach out to people in the community as part of our community relations," she explained her reason for finding the time to teach school children from nearby areas.

She added that education and knowing one's rights were still the best way to prevent abuse of women and children.

She added that police work did not start and end in the office, but also had to be brought outside the headquarters.

"The interaction with small children also served as some sort of therapy for me," Tejuco said.

She felt that the 8-11 morning session, Monday to Friday, with small children allowed her to indulge her creative side.

"My fondness for children and knack for storytelling make it easier for me to shift from being a police officer to kindergarten teacher," she said.

She added that the discipline she learned and imposed as a police officer was a great help in dealing with her young students.

She said she had come up with ways to to make it easier to teach children and make them understand the need for discipline.

Hand signals

Schoolchildren, according to the police officer cum teacher, automatically kept quiet when she raised her two fingers and they saw that they were close together. They smiled when the two fingers were apart, forming a letter V.

She added that the idea for putting up the Kindergarten COP Learning came after a community relations summit in 2001 sponsored by the Philippine National Police.

"It was also partly inspired by the Arnold Schwarzenegger movie (Kindergarten Cop), minus the gun and the whistle," she admitted.

She said she did not set any age limit on those who wanted to attend her classes. Anyone who wanted to learn was welcome.

Inspiration

Tejuco said her decision to launch the project was also prompted by her experience with a 13-year-old victim who could not even write her name.

"I told the victim to come to my office when she had time and I started tutoring her," she said.

Now, the girl was enrolled in a local school, the police officer said.

Tejuco said the feeling of fulfillment in being able to help victims stand on their own was something she could bring home and cherish.

According to her, putting up the learning center was quite easy. Contributions poured in as many people were willing to do their share.

The classroom, painted in attractive colors, is located in the middle of a building at the back of the Caloocan City Police Headquarters along Samson Road.

Its chairs and black boards were contributed by other police officers, Tejuco said.

She said her method of teaching was patterned after the Montessori style of education.

"I was impressed with the Montessori manner of teaching where my children studied when they were young," Tujeco said.

She added that her few units in child psychology and education in college had paid off. The woman police officer, who wanted to be a doctor, finished Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology.

In the learning center, enrollees are asked a registration fee of P20 and a voluntary daily contribution of one peso, the only expenses parents incur.

"The amounts were intended to give parents a sense of responsibility in their children's education," the police officer said.

Christmas parties

She added that the money raised was also used to fund other activities for children, like Christmas parties.

But she stressed, "We don't force the parents to come up with the P1 contribution. If they could not afford it, we don't take it against them."

In addition to her job as teacher and a police officer, the chief of the Women's Desk also often acts as counselor to both victims and suspects, particularly minors.

Being a widow whose two children are now grown up gives her enough time to take on other tasks aside from law enforcement.

Ador, who first met Tejuco when his wife filed a complaint against him for domestic cruelty, disliked her at first.

But, as they talked, Ador said he found out that Tejuco adopted the tough stance so people would show respect for her position.

Listening

"Our session with Ma'am Tejuco made us realize that differences in marriage could be resolved as long as the couple talked and listened to each other," Ador said.

Ador and his wife said they would see the police officer every time they had a fight.

"But the frequency and intensity (of those fights) had been drastically reduced," Ador said.

Tejuco started as a patrol woman 34 years ago. Since then she had received a total of 30 awards.

Named one of the top ten most outstanding policewoman in 2003, Tejuco expressed the view that, "Leaders are followers of what is true, fair and right."

Police alert level in Metro lowered

THE POLICE yesterday downgraded its alert status in Metro Manila after antigovernment demonstrations fizzled on Friday.

"First, the tension has subsided. Two, there is no visible threat (to the government), so I downgraded the alert status," said Director Vidal Querol, chief of the National Capital Region Police Office.

"We are now on heightened alert status," he added.

As if a switch, the police have raised and downgraded the alert level in the capital several times during the last few days. The decision to place Metro Manila on full alert appeared to depend on protest actions.

On Friday, protesters converged on Ayala Avenue calling for President Macapagal-Arroyo to step down. *Luige A. del Puerto*

UP sets investiture of first woman president

ROMAN

THE UNIVERSITY of the Philippines will hold the formal investiture of its 19th president Emerlinda R. Roman, on July 21, 2 p.m., at the University Theater in Diliman.

Roman will be the first female to be president of UP since 1908.

The event will also mark the launching of the university plan for 2005-2011 dubbed "The UP: A National University in the 21st Century."

Roman, who holds a Doctor of Business Administration degree from the university, has thrice been chancellor of UP Diliman, the flagship campus.

As president, she will preside over the UP's centennial celebrations in 2008, and one of her priorities will be a Centennial Fund Drive, aimed at augmenting the University's budget and propelling it into its second century of existence.

In February 2005, she succeeded Francisco Nemenzo, who made the modernization of UP his main program.

Roman's election by the UP Board of Regents was widely hailed in UP's seven constituent universities.

It was during Dr. Roman's terms as chancellor that UP Diliman computerized its registration system, effectively putting an end to the long queues that had characterized registration at the campus.

She also addressed the welfare of faculty, artists and writers, researchers, staff, and students—in particular the athletes, the University Council and the Philippine Collegian—by setting up endowments, trust funds and grants.

2 kids left at home die in Marikina fire

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

TWO COUPLES had left their children at home in Marikina City and San Juan yesterday when their houses caught fire.

The Uy couple in San Juan lost only their belongings, but the Galartes of Marikina City also lost their two children.

Nerwin Galarte, 9, and his younger sister Christel, 6, died in the fire that hit their house at the corner A. Mabini and J.P. Rizal Streets in Barangay Nangka at 1:44 a.m., SPO1 Noel Guiyab said. The fire lasted an hour.

Their parents Edwin and Norvie Galarte had gone to work Friday night, Guiyab said.

Their youngest daughter Nica laey, 2, who slept in the room of her aunt, escaped the flames.

In San Juan, the children of Cesar Uy were watching television in their sala about 8 a.m. when fire started in the second floor of their house.

Uy and his wife had left their 12-year-old daughter and 7-year-old son in their house to report for work, municipal fire chief Eloy Gabriel said.

The children fled their burning house on Lions Road in Barangay Sta. Lucia after neighbors saw the flames and cried out to them.

A neighbor, Ismael Liongson, 40, was hurt in the incident, which fire investigators said could have been electricity-related.

Meanwhile, P20 million in goods went up in smoke when fire razed the main commissary of fast food chain Chowking located at Km 21 West Service Road in Sucat, Muntinlupa City.

The blaze caused traffic build up on the West Service Road. *With Jocelyn R. Uy*

Manila forest park gets reprieve

By Tina G. Santos

ENVIRONMENTALISTS can heave a sigh of relief—at least for now.

Manila City Hall workers have stopped excavations for a two-story teachers' building inside the Arroceros Forest Park to give way to archaeologists on a mission to rescue artifacts that could be buried in the construction site.

The National Museum earlier said that it would allow the construction of the building along with archaeological diggings.

But Joy Belmonte, vice president of the Kapisanan ng mga Archaeologist ng Pilipinas Inc. (KAPI), told the INQUIRER that they did not allow it for safety reasons.

"The place is very small for all of us to be working there at the same time," Belmonte said.

She explained, "Safety-wise, there would be a problem. So we've agreed that construction work will proceed once we determine that there are no more archaeological materials that may be recovered from the site."

Belmonte's team started working in the park last Monday.

She said the local government was urging them to finish their work in three weeks, but she explained to city officials that it would depend on the quality of artifacts that they would find.

"The more historical value the artifacts have, the longer it will be take us to finish our work. However, we will try our best to do it in three weeks," Belmonte said, adding that intermittent rain could hamper their work.

Members of the Winner Foundation, the organization taking care of the 2.1-hectare property, said the city government's compliance with the archaeologists' demand was a welcome development.

"We're happy that they (city officials) followed orders this time. It at least gives a chance for people to discover how rich our cultural heritage is," said Regina Paterno, Winner president.

The group has been opposing the construction of the building inside the park, saying the move would result in the destruction of trees and foliage inside what it called Manila's "last lung."

The park was declared an archaeological site by the National Museum in April 2003.

Pieces of ceramic shards, which environmentalists believe belonged to Chinese settlers who set up a colony in Arroceros in the 16th century, were found in the park recently.

Meanwhile, Belmonte encouraged students to visit the site and observe how the archaeological process was being done.

"We welcome them to the site because we want to educate them and raise awareness about the importance of archeology," she said.

Minors rescued from den

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation (NBI) arrested three pimps and rescued 11 female sex workers, mostly minors, in Quezon City yesterday morning.

Lawyer Romulo Asis, chief of the NBI's Anti-Human Trafficking Division, said the pimps and the girls, aged 16-18, were arrested while going about their business along Quezon Avenue.

Asis said they conducted the operation following mounting complaints from concerned residents.

The services of the girls were reportedly in exchange for fees from P500 to P700 each.

The girls were turned over to the Department of Social Welfare and Development. *Tina G. Santos*

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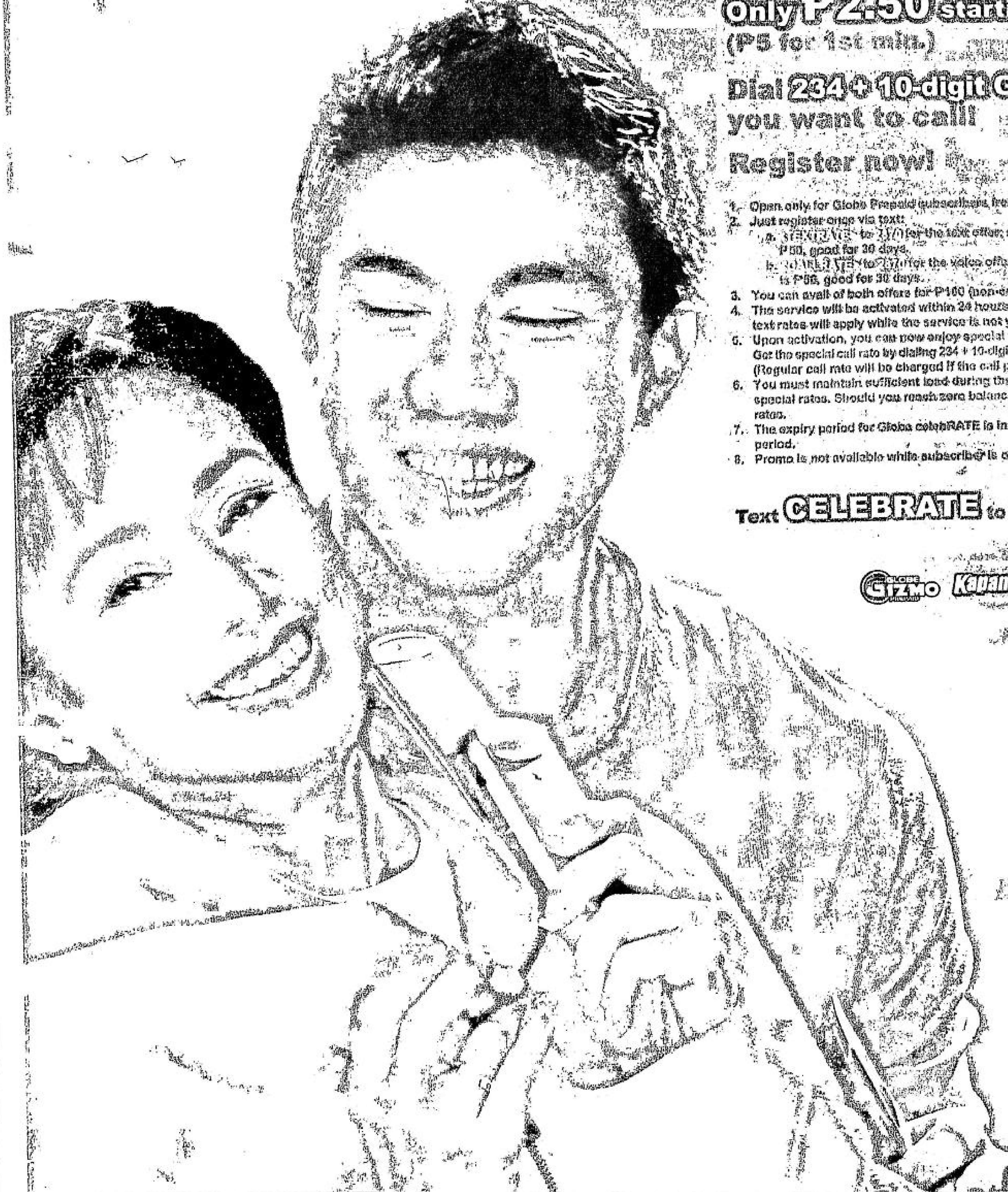

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CYCLING: Tour de France, Stage 8; 1:30 p.m.; ESPN—Lance Armstrong continues his bid for his seventh yellow jersey.

Schedules subject to change without prior notice.

Manalo falls to teen star

KAOHSIUNG, Taiwan—Filipino Marlon Manalo's magical run finally ended late last night as Taiwanese boy wonder Wu Chia-ching prevailed, 11-5, in their semifinal duel at the 2005 World Pool Championship here.

The 16-year-old Wu clustered six racks to pull away from Manalo, 8-6, and then kept his nerves and got some lucky breaks to oust the last Philippine bet standing and become the event's youngest ever finalist.

If any consolation, Manalo will go home $20,000 (P1.1M) richer.

Wu will meet either Taiwanese Kuo Po-cheng or American Rodney Morris in today's finals.

Earlier, Manalo lived up to his "Marvelous" tag as he edged ex-champion Mika Immonen of Finland, 11-9, in the quaterfinals.

Trailing 7-9, Manalo capitalized on two clever safeties to tie the score at 9-9, moved ahead by holding serve on the 19th rack and clinched the exciting win as Immonen blew an easy shot on the No. 6 ball on the 20th.

"*Nung nagmintis si* Mika, *sabi ko* chance *ko na iyon*, (When he missed, I knew it was my chance)," said Manalo after completing the come-from-behind victory at the Kaohsiung Business Exhibition Center.

A former snooker champion from Mandaluyong, Manalo posted shutout wins in his last two matches, 10-0 over Taiwan's Huang Chien-che in the round-of-32 and 11-0 over Chen Ying-chien in the final 16.

Immonen's slide started with a bad shot on the two-ball in the 17th rack after a safety by Manalo, who went on to make it 8-9.

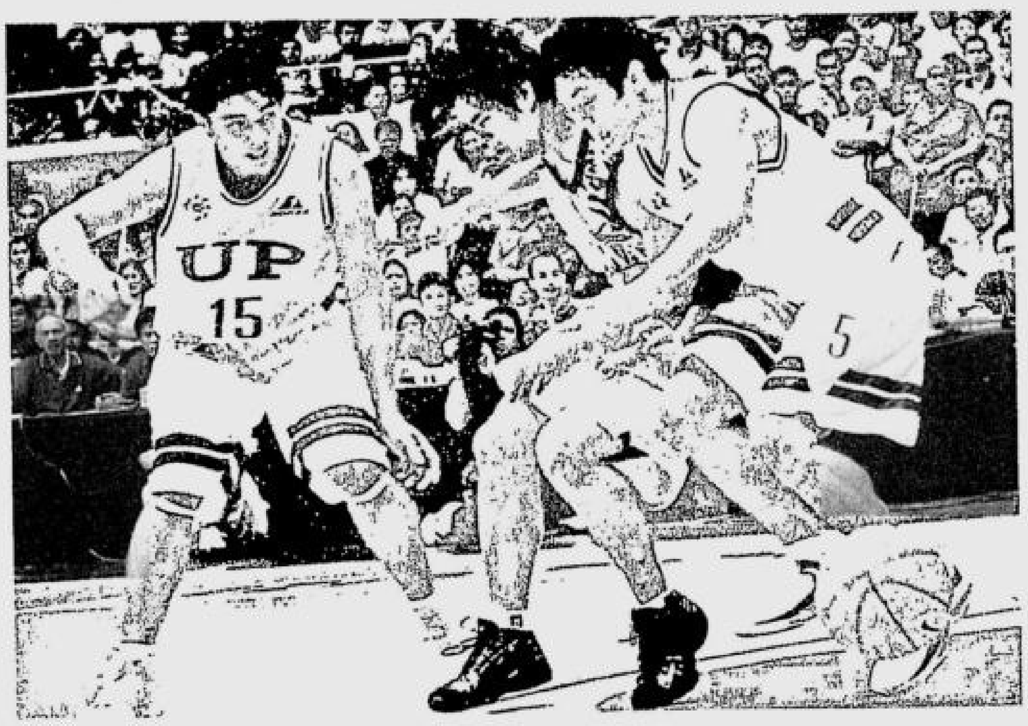
The 29-year-old Manalo tied it after Immonen gave the Filipino another opening following a difficult shot. Manalo then easily held serve to take a 10-9 lead, but found himself in trouble after a successful break on the 20th.

Immonen seemed on the way to knotting the score, but the Finn shockingly missed an easy corner pocket shot on the 6-ball, leaving Manalo to finish the job.

MANALO: Assured of $20,000 cash prize

"My game with Mika was an acid test for me," said Manalo, although he had beaten the 2001 world champion recently in Manila, 9-3, in an alternate-break format.

Wu easily beat 2003 champion Thorsten Hohmann of Germany, 11-5, in their quarterfinal tussle.



GINO Ferrer (15) and Nestor David (5) of the UP Maroons battle UST Tigers' Warren de Guzman for possession in yesterday's cracker of a match at the Big Dome. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

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Tams, Maroons win; Archers take on Eagles

By Jasmine W. Payo

FAR EASTERN didn't even need a big game from league star Arwind Santos to cruise to an 81-66 victory over the University of the East in the 68th UAAP season opener yesterday at the Araneta Coliseum.

GAMES TODAY
(*Araneta Coliseum*)
2 p.m.—Adamson vs National U
4 p.m.—La Salle vs Ateneo

Mark Isip carried the Tamaraws' offensive load, scoring 26 points and hauling down 13 rebounds. Rookie playmaker Jonas Villanueva and Jeff Chan combined for 25 markers, while Santos delivered 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Earlier, University of the Philippines staged a furious rally in the final two minutes to sneak past Santo Tomas, 69-66.

Maroon Abby Santos shot 13 of his 19 points in the final quarter, including the game-winning triple in the last 16.2 seconds.

An SRO attendance is expected when bitter rivals La Salle and Ateneo collide today at 4 p.m. following the 2 p.m. curtain-raiser between Adamson and National U.

FEU coach Bert Flores, who replaced Koy Banal, confessed that calling the shots for the highly rated Tamaraws was a tough challenge.

"The pressure is there," said Flores, whose coaching staff includes former FEU stars Johnny Abarrientos and Glen Capacio.

The Maroons trailed by nine, 54-63, with 2:02 left before Mika Vainio's three-point play and Santos' triple sparked a UP rally.

Vainio, a former La Salle benchwarmer, capped the 11-1 charge that gave UP a 65-64 lead with 48.3 seconds remaining.

Danny Pribhdas wrested the lead for the Tigers, 66-65, but Santos responded with a three-pointer to lift the Maroons ahead at 68-66.

The scores:

First Game

UP 69—Santos 19, David 11, Vainio 10, Cruz 9, Agbayani 6, Gavino 4, Ferrer 4, Dorucio 4, Padolina 2, Quebral 0, Epres 0, Buyco 0.

UST 66—De Guzman 16, Pribhdas 12, Duncil 10, Taylor 8, Espiritu 7, Evangelista 6, Dizon 4, Ababou 2, Cortez 1, Cuan 0, Apil 0.

Quarters: 10-16, 26-26, 44-45, 69-66

Second Game

FEU 81—Isip 26, Villanueva 13, Chan 12, Santos 10, Fernandez 6, Rizada 5, Mangahas 5, Barcellano 4, Villanueva 0, Nietes 0, Flores 0, Dela Cruz 0, Adolfo 0.

UE 66—Borboran 20, Custodio 13, Arellano 7, Raymundo 6, Espiritu 5, Napo 4, Palaganas 3, Saguindel 2, Labagala 2, Canizares 2, Babilonia 2, Martinez 0, Lapena 0.

Quarters: 19-13, 39-30, 62-51, 81-66.

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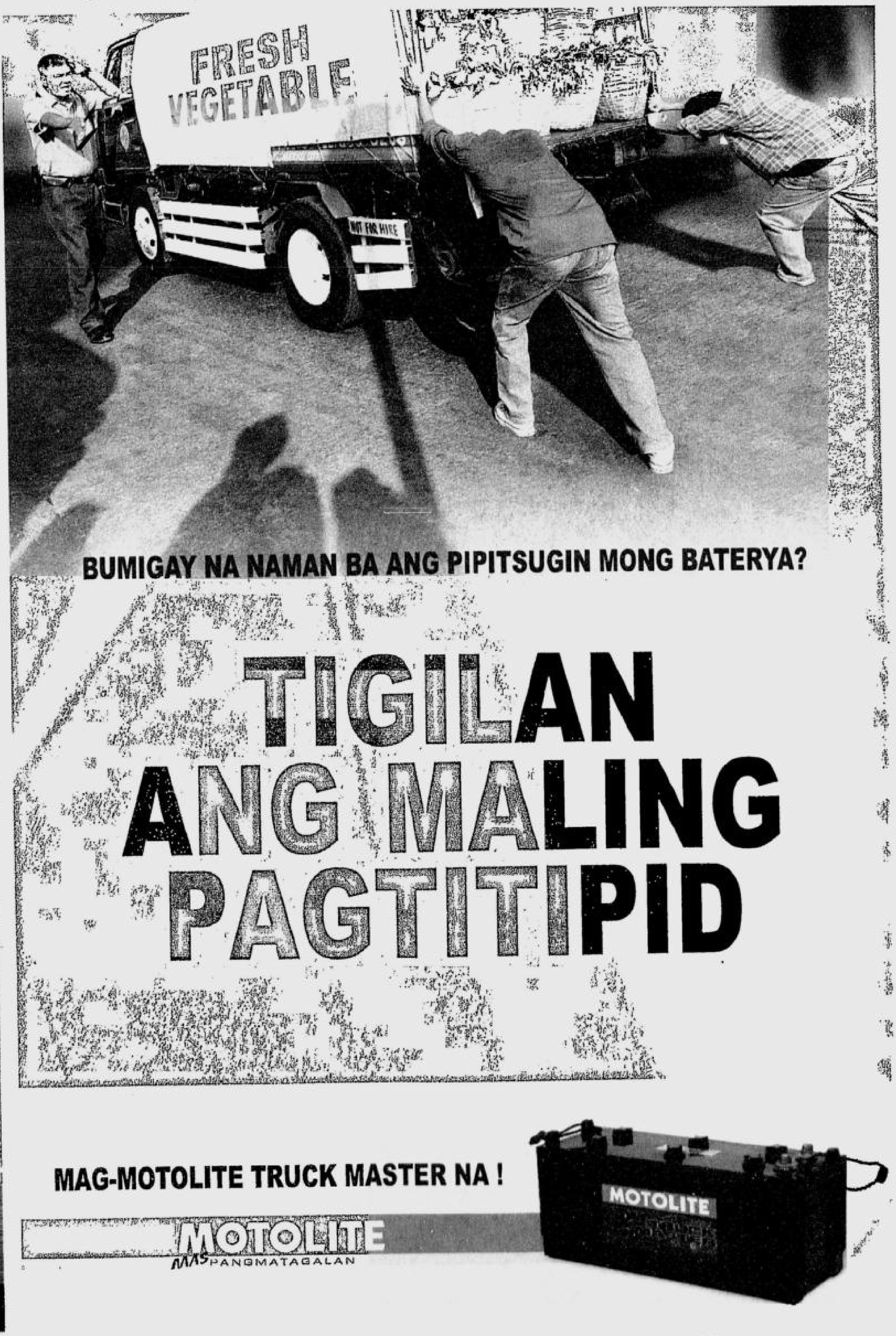

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Beermen look set to wrap it up tonight

COACH Jong Uichico has yet to lose three consecutive games in nine Finals stints with San Miguel Beer.

The Beermen will try to preserve that record when they go for the clincher against the Talk 'N Text Phone Pals in Game 5 of the Gran Matador PBA Fiesta Conference Finals today at the Cuneta Astrodome.

"Getting a 3-1 lead in the series is no guarantee (of a title)," said five-time champion Uichico after the Beermen grabbed a 3-1 edge with an 87-82 win in Game 4 Friday that moved them a game away from 17th crown.

"If we're not on our toes, they could turn things around," said Uichico. "We want to get it as soon as possible."

Uichico is putting his trust on a core of title-hungry players led by Danny Ildefonso, Olsen Racela, Dondon Hontiveros, Dorian Peña and Nic Belasco. The Beermen last won a title in the 2001 All-Filipino Cup.

Ildefonso, the only player to win the MVP trophy in two consecutive years (2000-2001) over the last 10 PBA seasons, is again showing his deadly form.

Peña and Belasco have also shone on the defensive end while Racela and Hontiveros have proven to be solid backcourt partners.

"No doubt, Talk 'N Text will come out with fire and make new adjustments on Sunday (today), the same way they did in Game 3," said Uichico.

Only one team in league history—Ginebra at the expense of Shell in the 1991 First Conference—has battled back from a 1-3 deficit to win the championship.

But the Beermen are up against a squad which once got out of a 0-2 hole to snare the 2003 All-Filipino title from the Coke Tigers.

"I hope we can do it again," said Talk 'N Text coach Joel Banal.

June Navarro

GAME TODAY
(Cuneta Astrodome)
(Game 5
Best-of-Seven Finals)
6:40 p.m.—Talk 'N
Text vs San Miguel

SMB'S Dorian Peña (left) tries to fish an offensive foul from TNT's Asi Taulava in Game 4 Friday. The refs were unimpressed. RYAN LIM

No easy way out for BAP —Aventajado

By Musong R. Castillo

WHILE the Philippine Olympic Committee "appreciates" Basketball Association of the Philippines president Joey Lina's desire to unify the basketball landscape, POC chair Robert Aventajado sees no new reason why the Olympic body should reconsider.

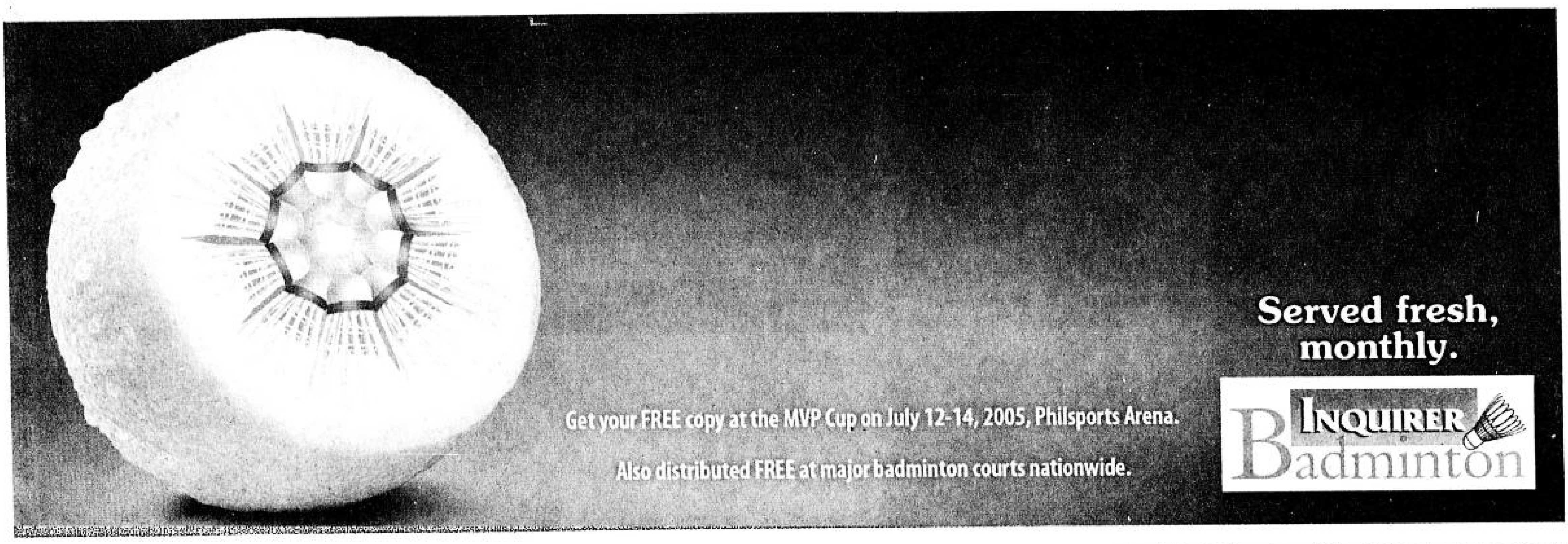
"This is like a court case," Aventajado said. "You need new evidence to re-open a case. To my knowledge, the BAP mentioned nothing new in the letter they sent to the POC" for reconsideration of the cage body's expulsion.

"The move of Mr. Lina can be appreciated (by the POC)," Aventajado added. "But they have to present something new for us to reconsider."

Aventajado said that the BAP can apply for a reinstatement with the Olympic body, but it must be able to muster at least a three-fourths vote from another general assembly.

The BAP, for reneging on basic agreements in a cage covenant last April, was suspended indefinitely by the May 25 general assembly. It was taken off the POC roster last June 30.

But the international basketball federation (Fiba) rejected the BAP expulsion and banned the country from all foreign competitions including the Olympics and the Southeast Asian Games.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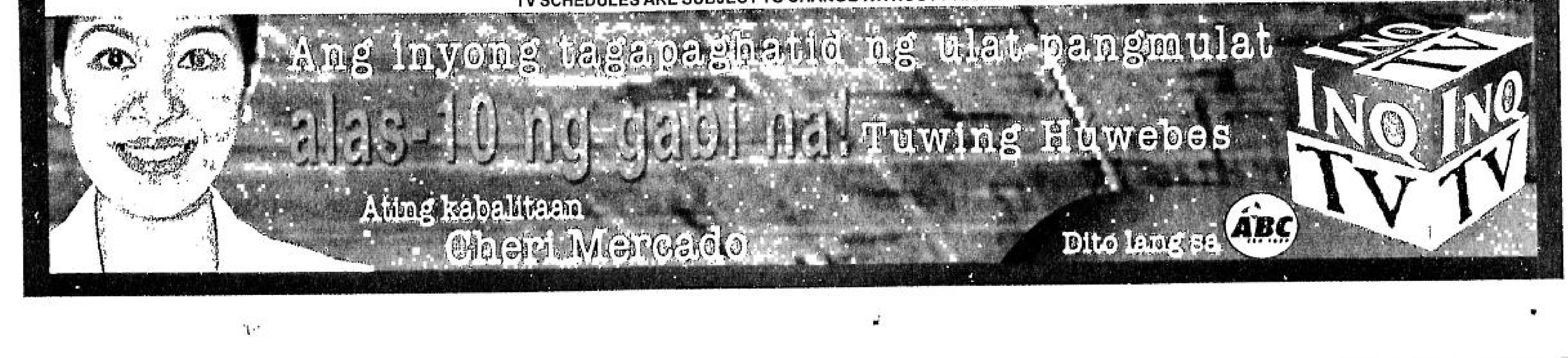
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SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

STOP doubting, fellas.

The Fil-Ams have become "Lords of the Rings" in Philippine basketball. They have swept all five slots in this year's PBA Mythical Team: Eric Menk, Jimmy Alapag, Nic Belasco, Dorian Peña and Willie Miller.

Well, for the record, only Miller is homegrown as he was born here and was raised in Olongapo City. That still qualifies him as a Fil-Am because his father is an American and his mother a Filipina.

But make no mistake about it. Miller is as Filipino like you and me, in the same way that Fil-Ams Robert Jaworski, Rudolf Kutch and Anthony Dasalla, among other past PBA legends, are as Filipino like you and me.

In the second Mythical Team, only Olsen Racela, Mark Telan and Rommel Adducul have crashed the Fil-Am party as Fil-Ams Tony dela Cruz and Mark Caguioa took the other two berths.

The score, thus, stands at 7-3 in favor of the Fil-Ams in PBA 2005.

The Fil-Ams capped their victorious night when the MVP trophy went to Menk, who flew to Manila from terror-gripped London the day of the awarding ceremonies.

Menk became the second Fil-Am in two years to win the most coveted PBA plum after Asi Taulava in 2003.

The first to do it was Ricardo Brown in 1985. Brown now lives in California.

I have no beef with Fil-Ams shining in the PBA. They can win all the awards at stake and they'll receive my unequivocal applause.

As I said, they are as Filipino like you and me, given equal rights accruing every Filipino as guaranteed by the Constitution.

They can even run for public office, except for congressman and upwards. The Constitution only allows natural-born Filipinos to run for congressman or any position higher than that, like the presidency of the republic.

Our Fil-Ams in the PBA have become the butt of jokes recently following discoveries that some of them have faked their citizenship papers. In fact, some "Fil-Shams" had been deported already due to their doctored papers.

For nearly 10 months, Asi Taulava had stayed in the freezer on suspicion he also faked his documents. Only recently has he been restored to active duty following a court ruling reversing a Department of Justice resolution ordering his deportation.

I can only commiserate with Fil-Ams unnecessarily dragged into the controversy because of the fault of some Fil-Shams.

To begin with, it wasn't the fault of genuine Fil-Ams that they became Fil-Ams. It wasn't their choice that they became Fil-Ams. Fate had made them so.

But don't even blame their parents for siring kids who would later become Fil-Ams. For all we know, many of them reluctantly left the country in search of the so-called greener pastures.

The fact that their children had elected to return home and taken root on the land of birth of their parents is a more than patriotic enough move.

I applaud that heartily.

Their efforts at achieving excellence side by side with their homebred brothers must be encouraged to the hilt. Their challenge must be treated as fair game and not met with derision. Their perseverance must be the impetus for competition to progress rather than retrogress.

When we go abroad and offer a challenge, and then we are met with hostility by the homegrown talents, do we not cry foul, if not rile at the gods?

Every Fil-Am—Fil-Foreign some call them now—has as much right as any full-blooded Filipino in stashing away any award in the PBA. A Fil-Am is a Filipino, period.

It is only when I hear about reports that some Fil-Ams have faked their papers that my blood starts to boil. Until proven guilty, though, a Fil-Am is genuine and merits no less our respect for his rights as a Filipino.

And so, the question again: Asi Taulava not a Fil-Sham?

All courts of law can say no for all the world to care. But in the end, it is Asi Taulava himself who knows if he's for real or not.

The same applies to Eric Menk.

Tour heads for the hills

KARLSRUHE, Germany—They tire the legs and burn the lungs, but the Tour de France's punishing climbs can't come soon enough for Lance Armstrong.

After an unnerving first week of fast racing, where crashes are a constant risk, Armstrong is looking to the hills and mountains of eastern France to start winnowing out the field of 185 riders left in the three-week race.

Saturday's eighth stage brings the hardest climb so far, the 1,139-meter (3,736-foot) Col de la Schlucht. It is not as hard as the monstrous ascents to follow in the Alps and Pyrenees.

But riders who are carrying injuries, who are fatigued and out of form, or who don't have Armstrong's climbing talents could trail.

"The race is about to start. We've made it through the first week, there have not been any major crises, in fact I think it's been a pretty good week," Armstrong said Friday as the Tour veered into Germany.

Australian sprinter Robbie McEwen won Friday's seventh stage.

Armstrong retained his overall lead by finishing a safe 53rd in the following pack in the same time as McEwen. He avoided a crash in the closing straightaway that took down two riders.

The American's lead over Discovery Channel teammate George Hincapie stayed at 55 seconds, with Kazakh rival Alexandre Vinokourov still 1 minute, 2 seconds back in third place. *AP*

Raquel scores two key wins at SLLP

By Edwin Villanueva
Contributor

IMPORT Sound Offer scored another upset over West Bound while Speed Advantage hurdled his final tune-up for the Triple Crown to share top honors yesterday at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

The winners were both guided by star rider Fernando "Dhunoy" Raquel Jr. who followed up Speed Advantage's win in the Directors' Cup with another masterful ride on Sound Offer in the Chairman's Cup.

"I was so pumped up after riding Speed Advantage, so I felt I can score again on Sound Offer," said Raquel in Filipino. "I just got lucky."

Sound Offer, the far third choice in the betting, outlasted heavy favorite West Bound down the stretch to complete a wire-to-wire victory and duplicated his win over the same galloper in the second leg of the Santa Ana Park Series last March.

The one-length triumph, worth P180,000 for the Javier Stable, also came after the 5-year-old daughter of 1995 Kentucky Derby champion Thunder Gulch prevailed in the Imported Stakes third leg recently.

Earlier, Raquel sent Speed Advantage in front nearing the home turn en route to a two-length triumph over Wind Runner.

"I think he's ready for the third leg of the Triple Crown (Horseman's Cup) on July 24," said Raquel of Speed Advantage.

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Race 6—1. Hot Number 2. Mika's Pride 3. Loaded 4. She Boom 5. Beat D Heat 6. Dalidali
Race 7—1. Ebony Dane 2. Royal Lantana
Race 8—1. Farragut's Order 2. Easy Rider 3. Amazing Firenze 4. Dazzling Affair
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Siblings top JVC event

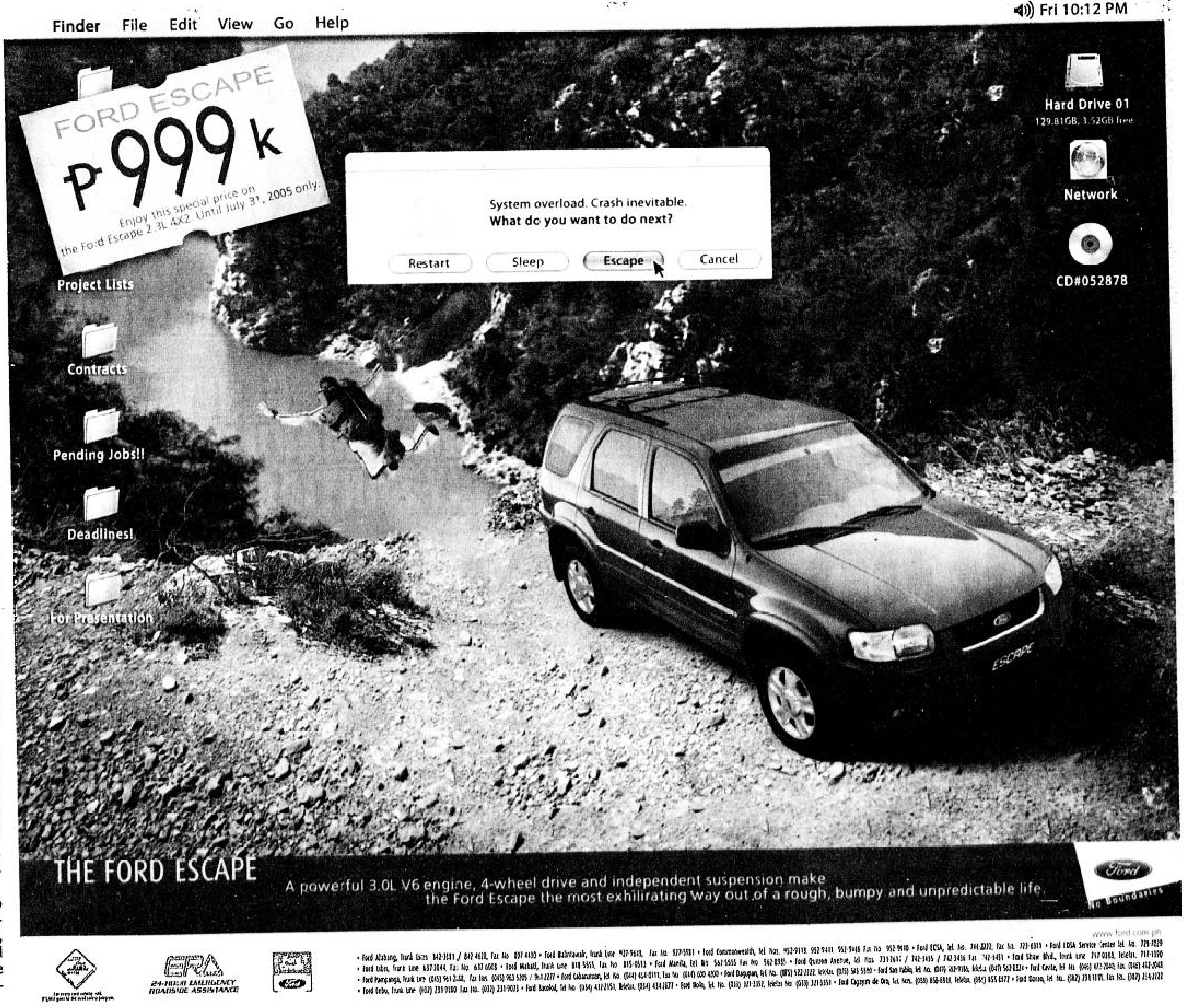
KENNIE and Kennevic Asuncion came away with big victories yesterday to re-stake their claim as the country's best badminton players, beating Irene Chiu and Lloyd Escoses, respectively, to cop the singles crowns in the JVC Open Badminton Championships finals at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati City.

Kennie, the spearhead of Golden Shuttle Foundation, proved too powerful and agile than fellow national team mainstay Chiu of Ateneo, romping away with a convincing 11-2, 11-1 victory to claim her fifth straight singles crown in this annual event sponsored by giant electronics firm JVC (Phils.) Inc.

Kennevic dominated RP stalwart and Badminton BEST's Escoses, 15-5, 15-10, to claim the men's singles crown for the second straight year.

Kennevic actually ruled the inaugural staging of this event backed by Alaska, Gosen, Chris Sports, Rudy Project, Technomarine, Nokia, Lactacyd, Pioneer Life, Bacchus, Akari in 2001.

The Asuncions also took the mixed doubles plum with a 15-3, 15-4 win over Rodil Sertan and Therine Chan of PAF/DLSU/Team Valencia.



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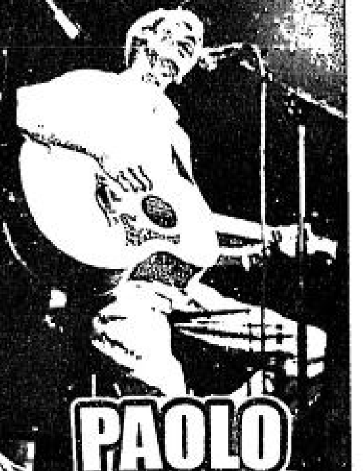
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Laguna Spring downs Baguio five despite Fontanilla's 34 points

BAGUIO CITY—Spring Cooking Oil-backed Laguna bucked the 34-point explosion of Baguio's Melvin Fontanilla to win 84-78 and improve its record to 2-2 in the Panasonic-NBC national basketball championship Friday night at the University of Baguio gym here.

The Spring Cooking Oil Masters of NBC president Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla and Laguna Gov. Teresita "Ningning" Lazaro inched ahead at the turn, 42-40 and never looked back as they turned back the Lions' repeated rallies behind the hot-shooting Fontanilla, who sank a record eight triples.

"When Fontanilla was hot, we made a great defensive effort on the rest of the Lions and that spelled the difference," said Spring coach Vic Sanchez.

The Texas Instruments/Beneco-backed Lions dropped to 1-4 in the tournament supported by Panasonic, Sulpicio Lines, Cebu Pacific, Spring Cooking Oil, Accel, Molten, Nature's Spring, Far Eastern Insurance, Skygo Motorcycles, Sirlitz, Hapee Toothpaste, Dewfoam, KSK Food Products (Boy Bawang), Ping Ping Lechon, Bayview Park Hotel and Holiday Plaza-Cebu.

Action continues today with Far Eastern Insurance-backed Cavite facing the Iloilo Warriors of IBL president Robert Uy and strong supporter Gov. Niel Tupas at 6 p.m. at the Pasay Sports Complex.

The Laguna cagers opened a 73-60 lead and then weathered the Lions' fierce uprising, led by Fontanilla's last two triples, to preserve the victory.

Spalding hooks up with Coach E

SPALDING, the world's largest maker of basketball equipment, is teaming up with some of the best basketball teachers in the Philippines as part of its global strategy to discover and nurture a new breed of world class hoopsters.

Spalding has forged a partnership with the Coach E Basketball School managed by local basketball heroes Eric Altamirano and Ronnie Magsanoc. The official NBA basketball supplier, through its exclusive Philippine distributor Proline Sports Center, has agreed to subsidize as much as 32 percent of the training fees.

The Spalding-Proline treat can be availed of as tuition fee discounts or cash reimbursements that can be applied for Coach E Basketball School's clinic from July 20 to Sept. 11 this year. Coach E holds their sessions at The Zone in Makati and at Clusixfity in Libis. Contact 631-1195 or 09217562639.

Big Event at Pasay Cockpit

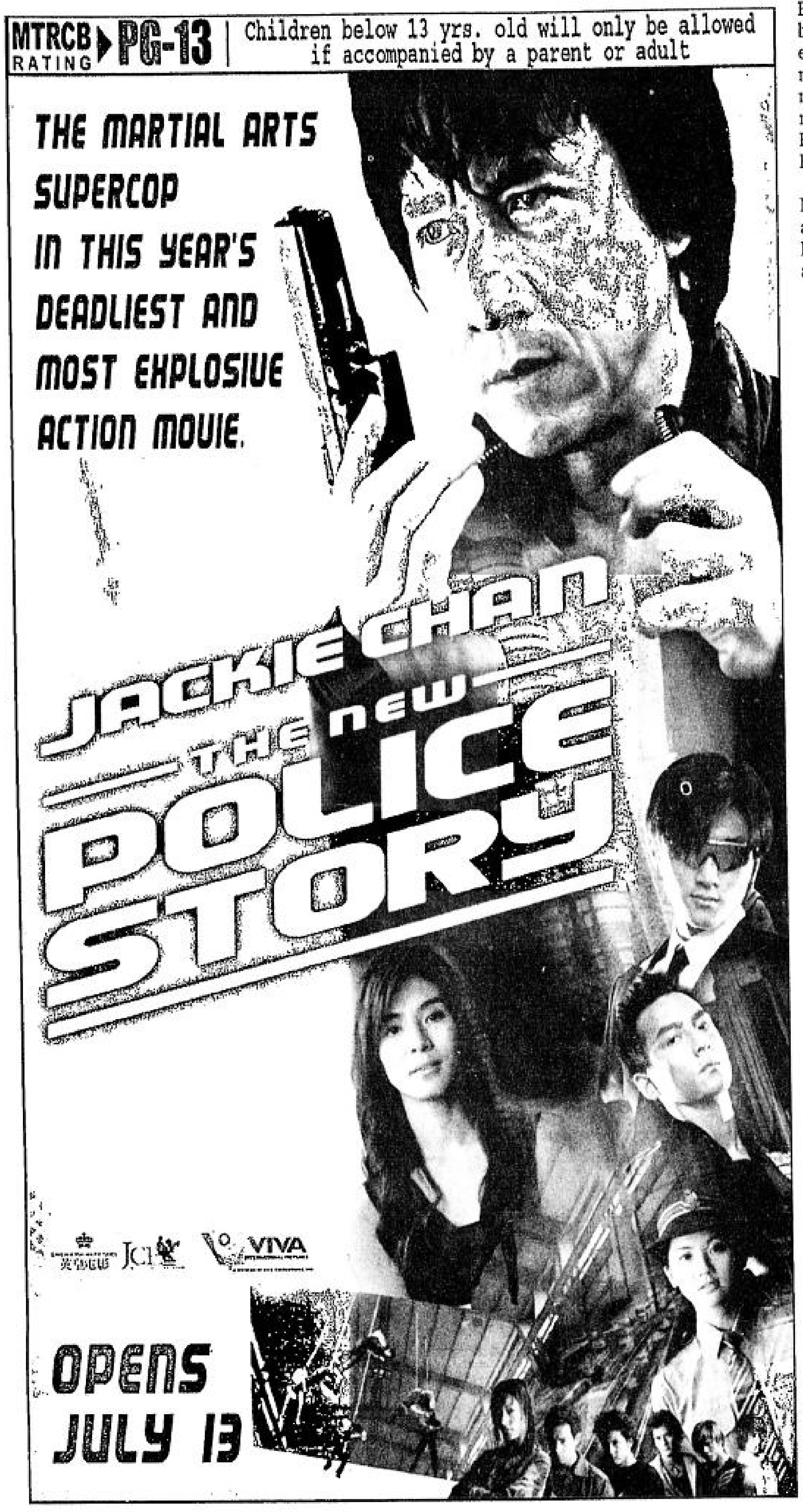
THE GENTLEMEN Cockers Association of the Philippines (GCAP) and Klub 330 present another edition of the crowd-drawing "Big Event 6-Cock Derby" on July 15 at the Pasay City Cockpit. Sponsors are Sagupaan Complexor 3000, Sagupaan B-50 Forten and Sagupaan Mite Free. "Aficionados can expect more than 70 first-class encounters. All the participants are definitely fielding their ace gamebirds in this event," said Patrick Antonio, one of GCAP's stalwarts. The first two editions of Big Event derbies held at Las Piñas Coliseum drew a banner crowd, Antonio added. Meanwhile, the "19th PCC Anniversary 5-Cock Derby" is set on July 18, 20 and 22 with P2 million guaranteed prize at stake. Entry fee is P15,000.

Roligon 6-cocker

PARTICIPANTS are reminded to submit entries today in connection with Roligon Mega Cockpit's Hatawan Sa Tag-ulan 6-Cock Derby." Event sponsors are Lakpue Drug Inc. and Thunderbird Power Feeds. The fourth day of action resumes at 5 p.m. tomorrow with the semifinal round (4-cock) on tap. Host Rolly Ligon stressed that the semifinal round is exclusive only to participants with scores of 0.5, 1 or 1.5. A prize of P500,000 awaits day champions on Monday. The event which lured 306 entries enters its championship round on Wednesday.

Gamecocks Forum II

THE LUZON Gamecock Breeders Association (LGBA), in cooperation with Rooster Media Productions, will hold the All About Gamecocks Forum II on Aug. 4 and 5 at the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City. The event, also held last year, will be interactive and will focus on breeding program, actual demo on conditioning, pre-conditioning and systematic approach to point feeding, according to LGBA president Rene "Boy" Diaz. For inquiries, call 926-7808, 924-5072 or 0920-5851940.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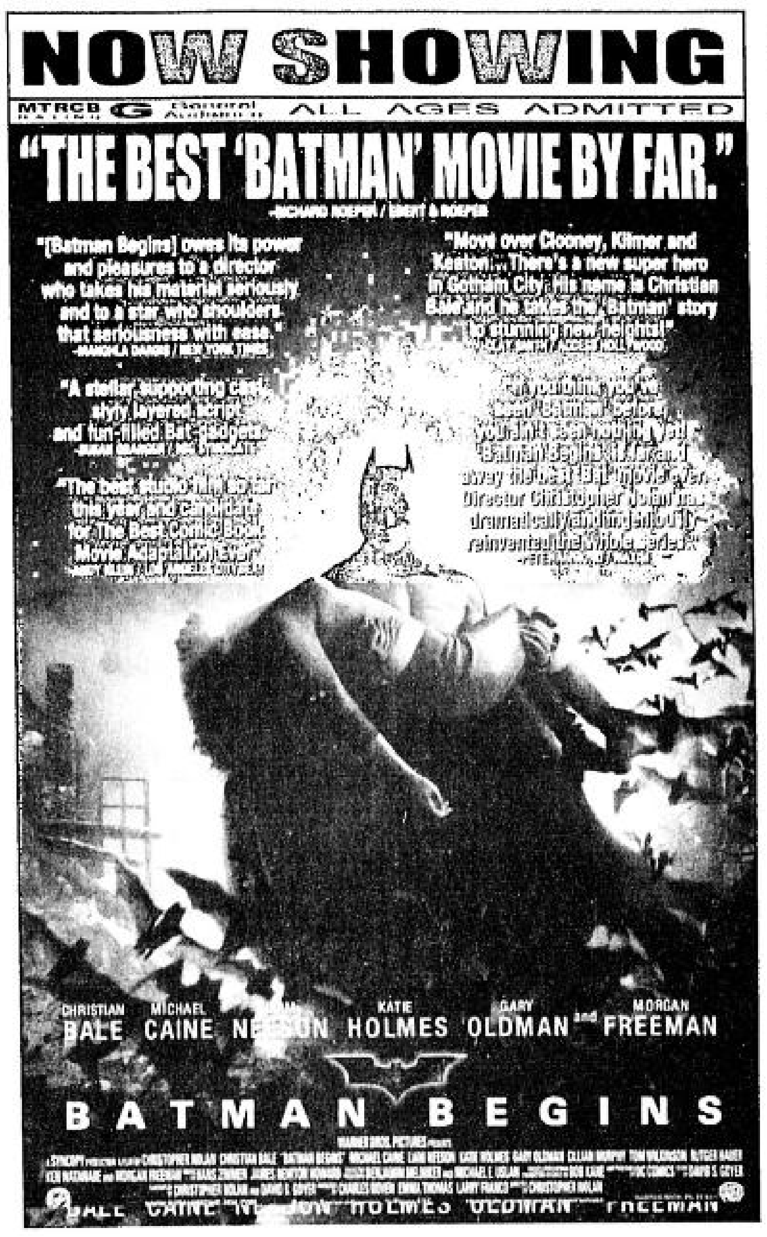
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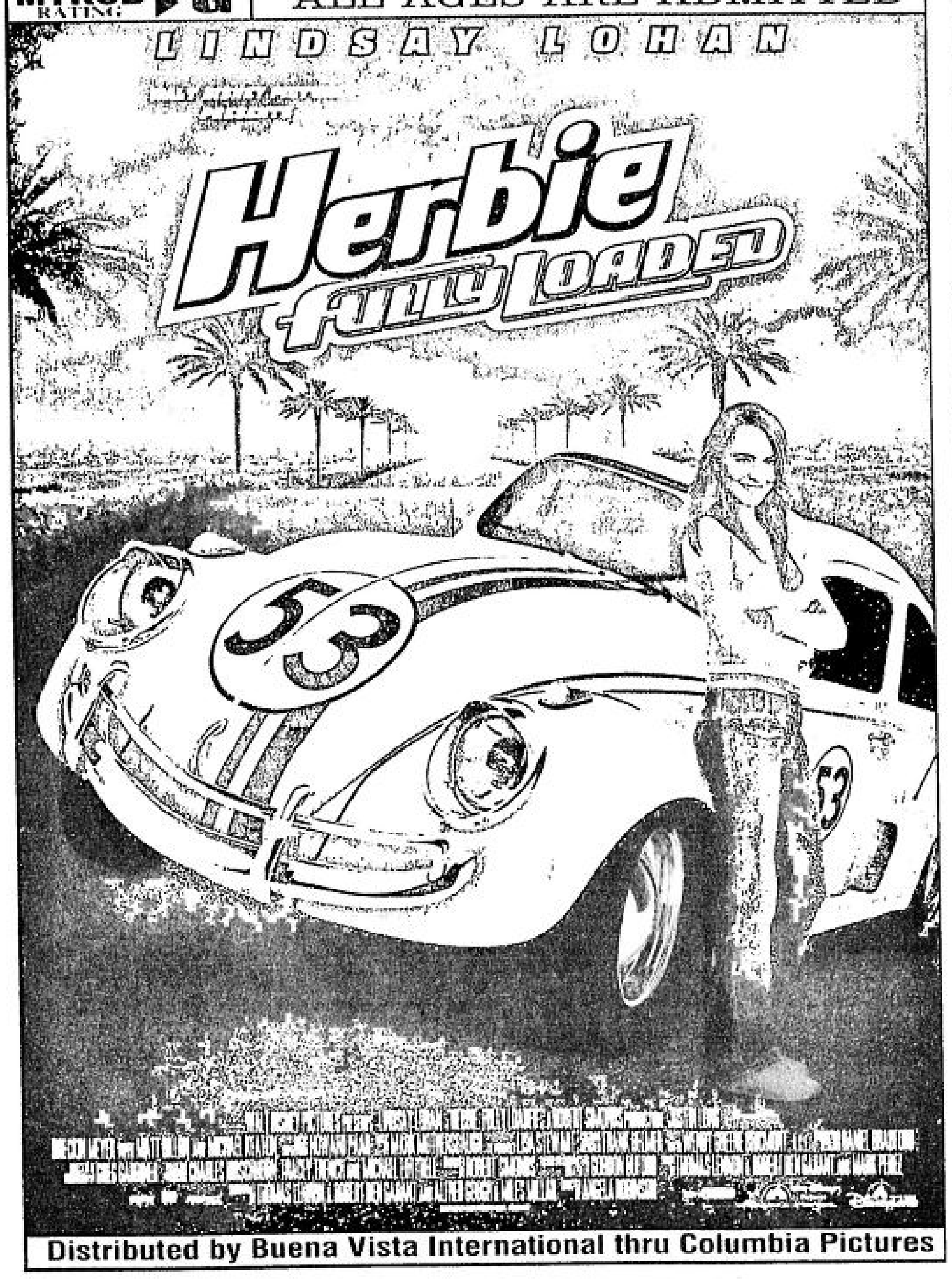
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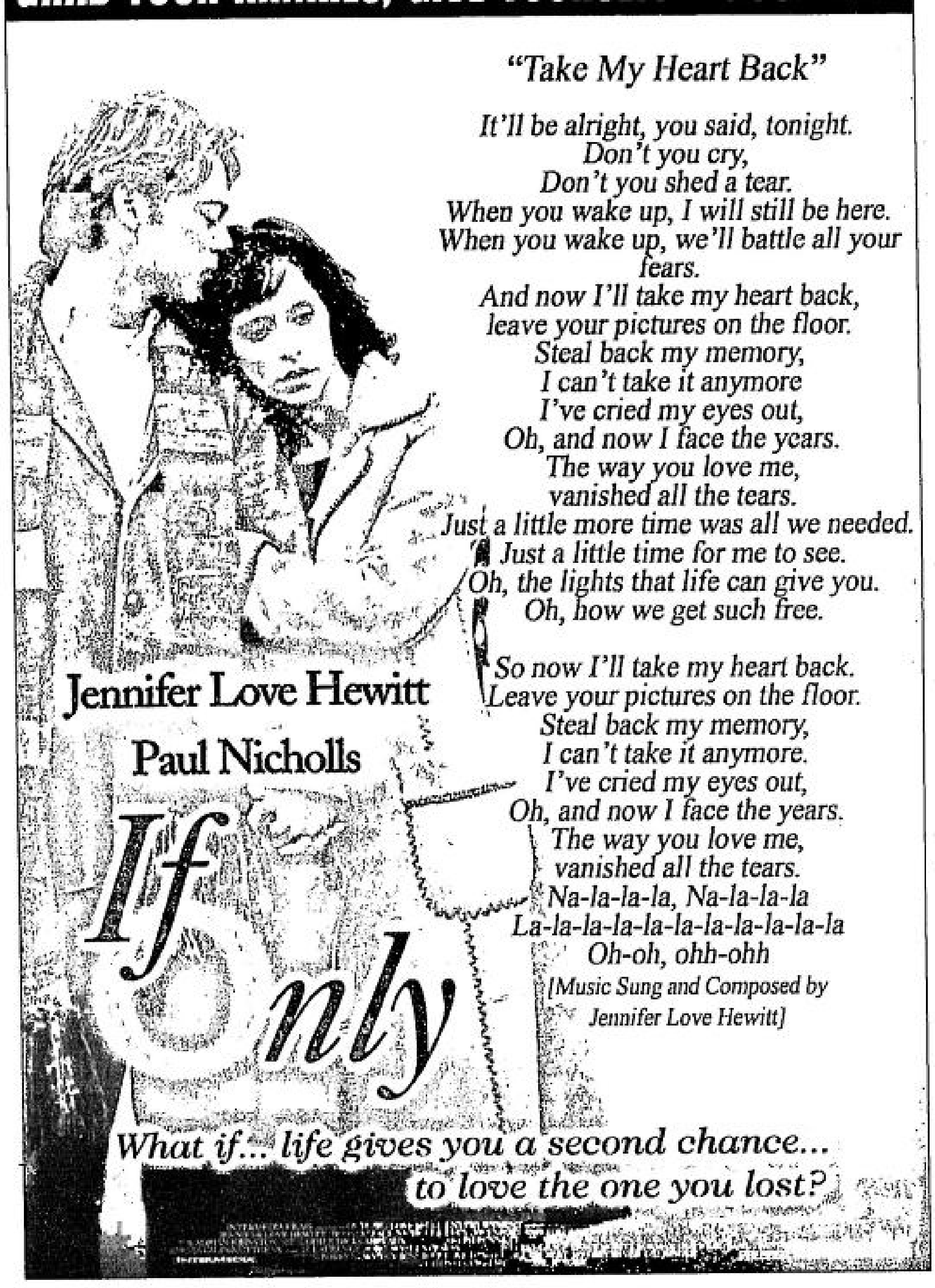
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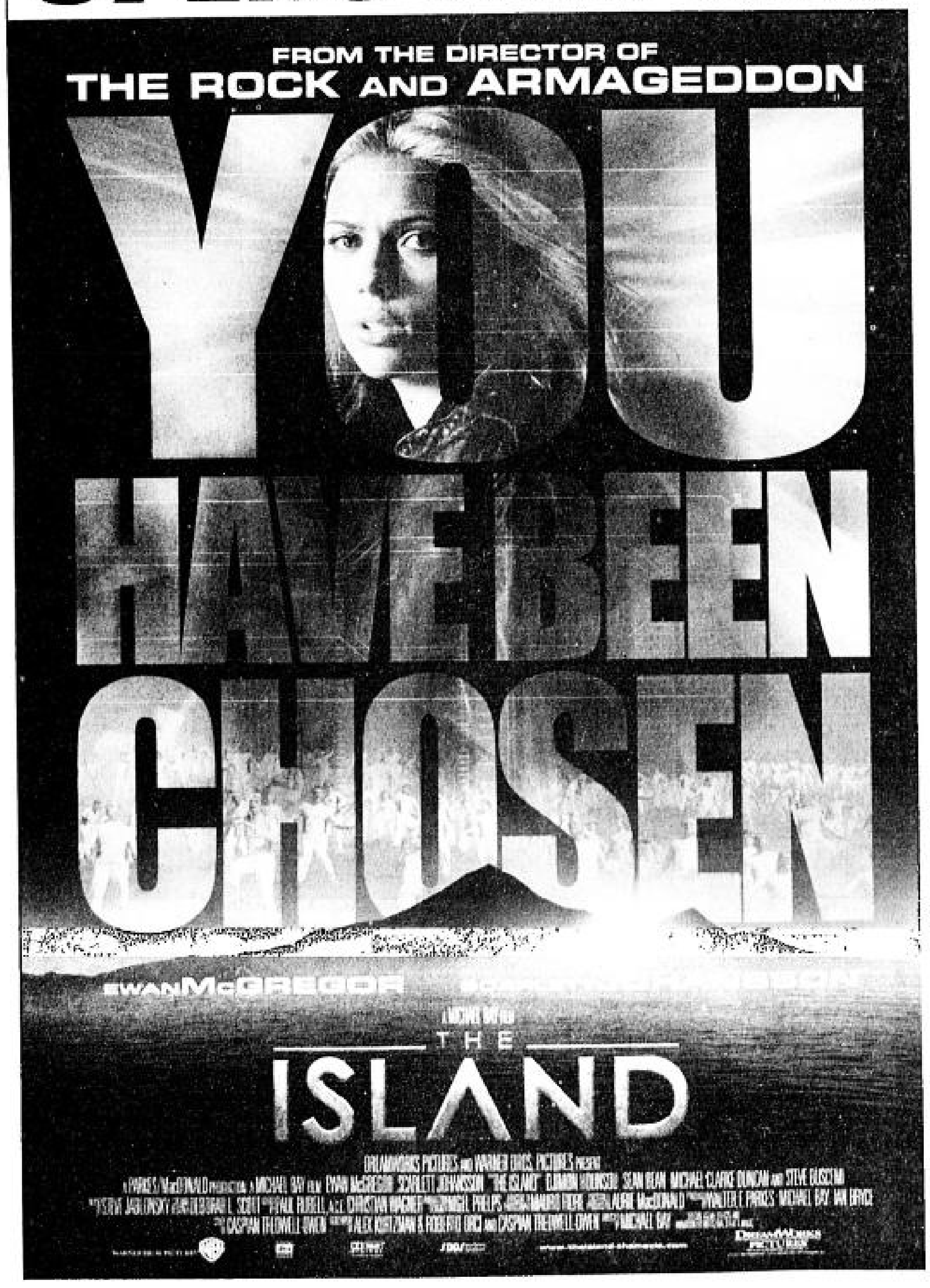
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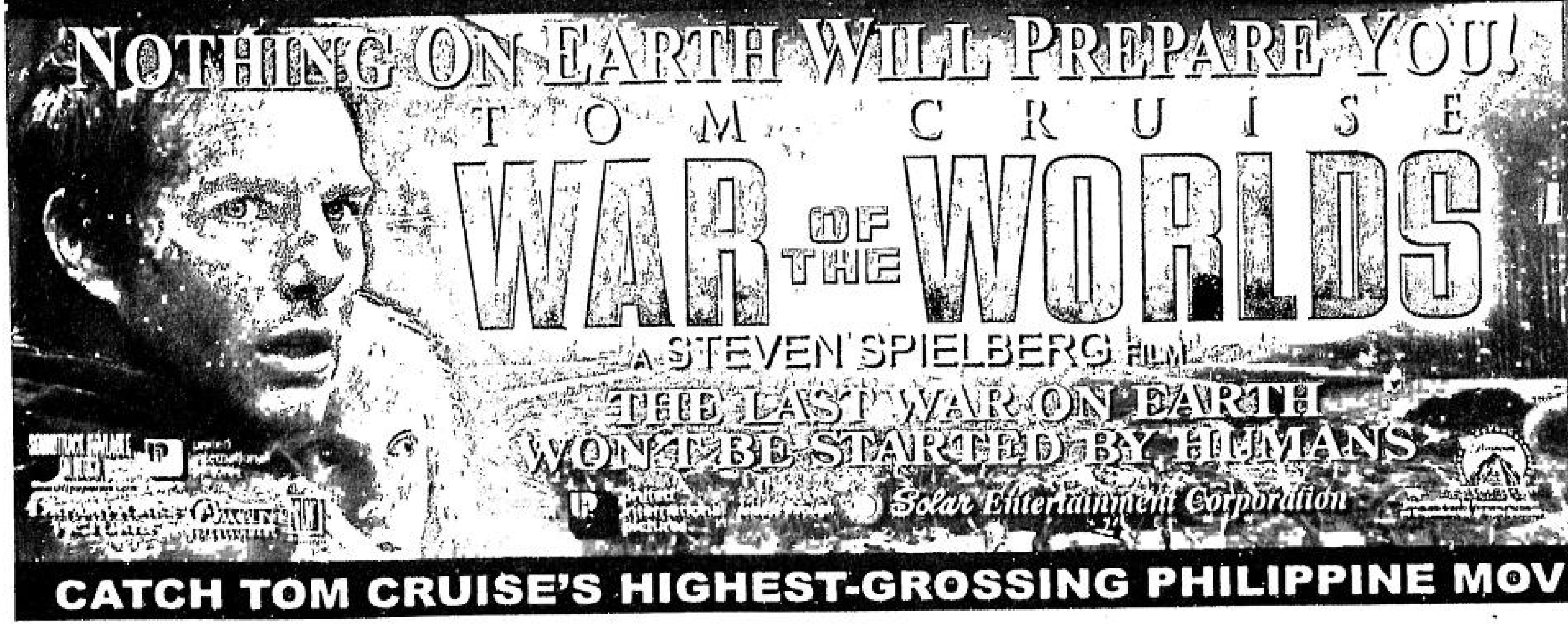
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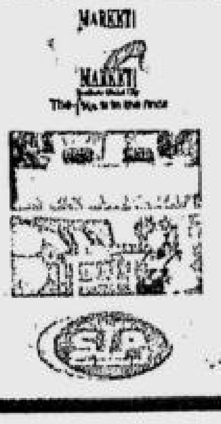

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From Tondo to H'wood

Giovannie Pico, Pinay actress in 'ER,' home for a medical mission and to eat 'taho'

By Marinel R. Cruz

FILIPINA Hollywood actress Giovannie Pico, admitting that she was a victim of physical abuse by her ex-husband, said it took her a long time to end the marriage because people she ran to for help did not want her "so-called perfect marriage" ruined.

"When I discussed what was happening even with people whom I thought were close to me, they always said 'Just be a better wife,' or 'Pray more,' and 'Don't make him angry.' So I endured the problem alone," Pico on Friday told a group of entertainment writers in a gathering at The Peninsula Manila in Makati City, shortly after her arrival from the United States. She is here for a two-week vacation.

Pico, at 18, married a half-Filipino church deacon more than 10 years her senior. They have a 5-year-old son, Sammy.

The abuse started when Sammy was born, said Pico, now 26.

In an interview with the Bay Area Business Woman (www.babwnews.com) in March, Pico said her husband, when angry, would throw objects at her. Once he threw a log, which missed her head by a hair. He monitored her every move, accompanying her to all her appointments, Pico added.

Alienated from family

"My acting teacher told me to see a marriage counselor. She said what was happening was not right. The counselor himself said the guy was dangerous," recalled Pico, voice slightly breaking. "[I realized] they were right. I did not want my son to grow up in this dangerous atmosphere. It didn't help that I had kept the problem a secret."

Pico stayed with her husband for seven years, and left him in 2002. She now lives in a "nice little house" in San Bruno with her mother and grandparents. "One thing I really like about being Filipino is our sense of family," she said. "When I was with my husband, that was totally stripped away. He alienated me from my family."

These days, Pico is known as Ludlow, Asian medical student in "ER," the longest-running television series in the US about the medical staff of a Chicago hospital.

"ER" began its 11th season in October 2004. Pico was in four episodes. "The writers write me in as they see fit," she said. I hope they develop my character more. I hope viewers see more of Ludlow in the future. One of the main doctors is leaving the show, so I'm crossing my fingers."

Auditioning for Ludlow was a "surprise thing." The actress said she flew to Los Angeles to audition for a role in the series "Without A Trace," not knowing that the "ER" audition was being held on the same day.

"I was to read for the role of a babysitter who sleeps with the gardener. I wore a frilly dress, heels and denim jacket," she recalled. "When I got to the 'Without A Trace' set, there was nobody there. I called my agent. She said, 'What are you doing there? You're supposed to be auditioning for 'ER.' She said I should be wearing a collared-shirt and khakis for.'"

Bagging the role

There were about 13 people in the room, all looking like medical students, she recalled. "I looked nothing like a med student. They were all laughing. After the audition, I stopped thinking about it. In Hollywood you can go to as many as 40 auditions and not book even one."

The next day, she got a call from her manager, who informed her that she had bagged the role and would start filming the following week.

Prior to the TV series, Giovannie played Amanda Hunter in "American Yearbook," an independent film about the dangers of high school bullying.

The movie, written by Pico's best friend Nicole Mcgrath and directed by Brian Ging, won Audience Choice Award in the Santa Monica Film Festival 2004.

She also appeared on independent films like "Counting the Days," "Jonas Daye," "The Law of Averages" and "I Adore You."

Pico is set to lead a medical mission and gift-giving event in Tondo, Manila, where she was born, on July 14. The events management company Gaitor Ideas will also sponsor a mini-show for Pico in Barangay Moriones.

"It's going to be a fun concert, a *harana*," the actress said. "I'm not really a singer, so it'll be a karaoke and dancing day. I'll sing a couple of my own songs and play the guitar. I hope to eat banana-cue and *taho*."

Pico, who also lived in Bario Ugong in Pasig for two years, said she missed playing "*patintero*" with friends. She said she admired veteran actress Vilma Santos in the movie "Anak," and that she hoped to meet local performers Nina, Regine Velasquez, Carol Banawa and Gary Valenciano.

"Filipinos are very talented, but there aren't enough roles for ethnic characters in Hollywood," Pico said. "If we Filipinos really want to get recognized, we should start producing our own stuff."

"MY HUSBAND alienated me from my family. Now I have them back."

AMERICAN YEARBOOK. "I like doing a film that conveys a message," says Pico of the award-winning 2004 movie on high school bullying.

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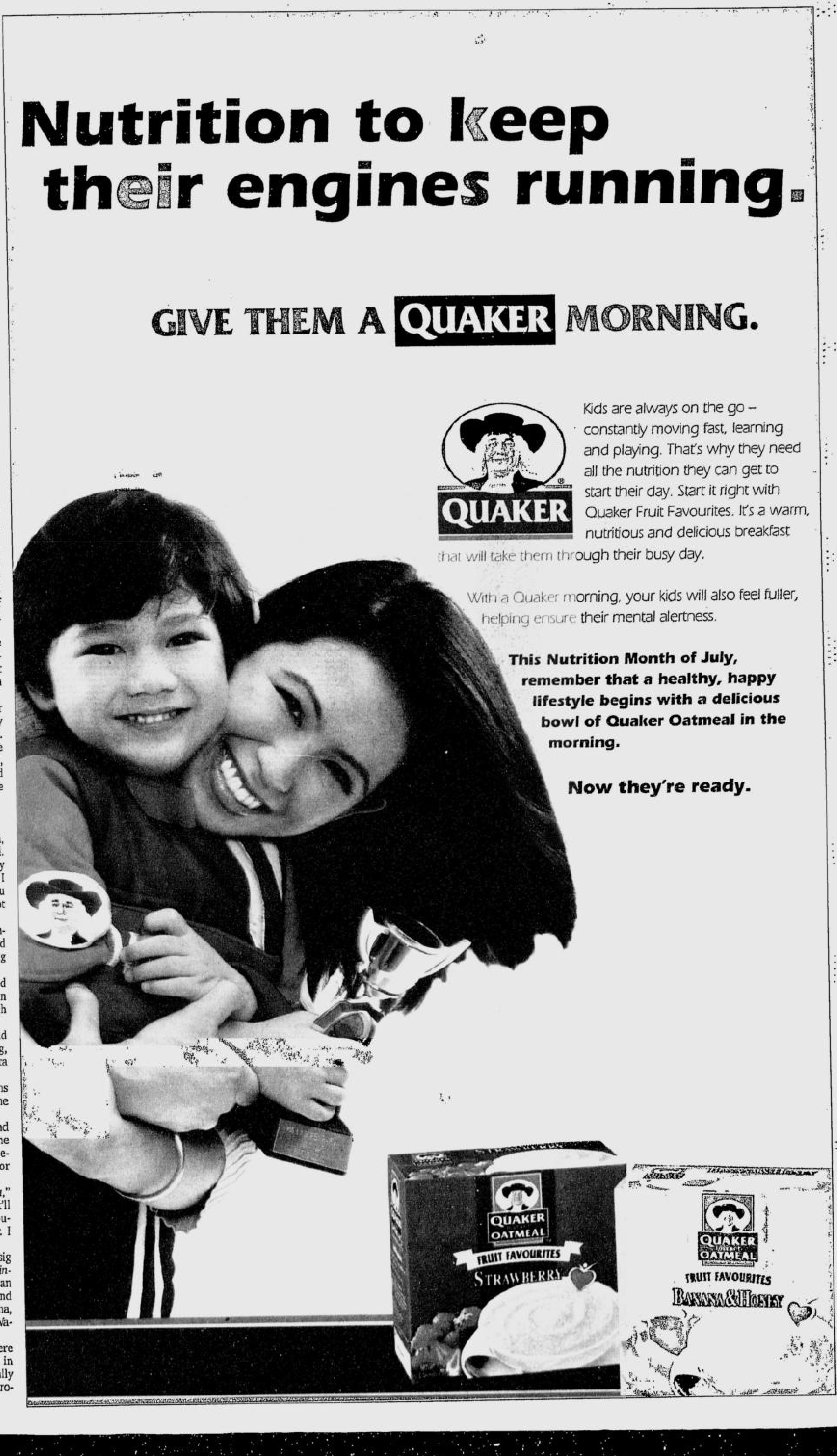

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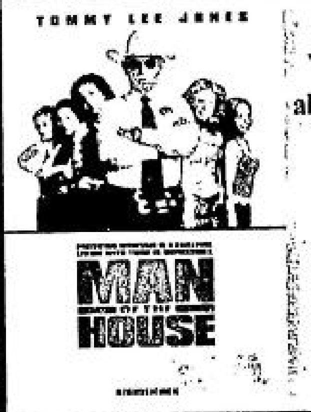

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Realizing that he has a chance to make up for past mistakes and desperate to prevent the day reaching the same tragic conclusion as the one before, Ian does everything completely different, beginning with the route he takes to work.

Now Samantha's really confused – surprised but happy. This means the world to Sam and she begins to believe that there is hope for their love. But through all these, Ian is still worried that whatever he does differently from the day before won't have any effect. He can't escape fate, but he can use the time he has left to be the best possible boyfriend to Sam.

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Luz Val winne

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WHAT'S in a name?

In gay lingo, actress Luz Valdez's name means the opposite of "Winnie Santos" (or "to win").

"*Na*-Luz Valdez. I feel disappointed because I heard that there's a new word for losing," she says with mock sadness. "*Na*-Lucita Soriano! Why was I replaced? To think I was so happy that people still remembered me!"

Milagros Bernardo in real life, Luz says her name was given by Doña Sisang (or Narcisa de Leon, LVN matriarch and founder).

"My old screen name was Mila Bernardo, but Doña Sisang thought it was too long," she recounts. "She explained that stars should have short names for easy recall. She took care of everything."

De Leon even acted as realtor for her stars.

"I was living on the LVN lot for free," Luz says. "Then she built bungalows which we rented. It was [like] her nest and we were her fledglings."

Her next-door neighbor was Nita Javier, who played her older sister in her debut film, "Ay, Pepita," in 1957.

"They were looking for a leading lady for Manding Claro because his partner, Nenita Vidal, had left for the US to study dentistry," Luz says.

The 17-year-old charmer soon became Doña Sisang's pet, gifted with a big movie, "Combo Festival," on her 18th birthday. Her partner was Lou Salvador Jr., "James Dean of the Philippines."

A lot of stars had titles then, she relates. "Guy Donato, brother of my ex-husband Robert Campos, was 'Anthony Perkins of the Philippines.'"

Oriental label

She herself went by an Oriental moniker. "I was known as 'Chinita' after my movie with Nestor de Villa." Doña Sisang gave her that project primarily because of her "China Doll" charms that had earlier caught Hollywood's attention.

In 1959, Paramount executives visited LVN and picked Luz as the Philippine contender in the worldwide search for the lead of the Hollywood movie "The World of Suzie Wong."

"The other finalists were from Japan, China, Hong Kong, Europe," she recalls. "The winner, Nancy Kwan, was from London."

Luz believes her reluctance to do love scenes with leading man William Holden cost her the contract.

"I never did kissing scenes; not even with my husband Robert," she gasps. "Those days, the boldest I had done was appear in a *tapis* pulled high up my chest."

All her partners were "perfect gentlemen," as well. She counts Nestor, Eddie Rodriguez and Pancho Magalona among her favorites.

"So my co-actors would not court me," she says. "I addressed them with 'Mang' (a term of respect)—Mang Leroy [Salvador], Mang Tony [Santos Sr.], Mang Manuel [Conde]."

And they called her "Mang Luz"! It became a running joke on the LVN lot and beyond.

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In 1964, when Lou Salvador Sr. produced "Kayo Ang Humatol," for Golden Harvest Films, she clashed with actor-turned-director Leroy Salvador. "He scolded me: 'If you call me Mang Leroy again, I'll kiss you in front of your mother!'"

Leroy's tactics apparently worked. "Kayo Ang Humatol" got Luz her first Famas Best Actress nomination.

"But I was up against Lolita Rodriguez and Marlene Dauden," she sighs. "There was no way... Still I was also happy because I made it to the top five." (Marlene won for "Sa Bawa't Pintig ng Puso.")

One dared

One man dared to court Luz: Diomedes Maturan, her co-star in at least three movies.

"He was the 'Perry Como of the Philippines,'" she says. "A nice guy, but naughty!"

She concedes that Diomeng was quite a wiz in wooing women. "If a necklace or bracelet caught your eye, he'd secretly buy it and put it in your makeup kit. He'd wipe the sweat off your brow with his hankie. He was very sweet!"

But he didn't win her. "I found out he was also courting [fellow LVN star] Mila Ocampo!"

Still, Luz remembers those days with fondness. Her bond with other LVN alumni, in fact, has remained strong. "Every quarter, we try to meet and hold pot-luck parties," she says. "Charito Solis was the best cook among us. She spent hours in the kitchen, making sauces from scratch, with fresh tomatoes. She waited for the oil to come out—which took such a long time, we often had lunch at 3 p.m. But it was always worth the wait. Another specialty of hers was *sardinas na bangus* belly."

IN HER coming-out movie, "Combo Festival" with Lou Salvador Jr.

Luz herself whipped up *pollo asado al carajay* and *pancit musico*, which she learned from Belgian-Ilocano husband Robert, who owned the old Roberto's Restaurant along Edsa.

Pancit musico is a delicacy from Vigan, Ilocos Sur, she volunteers. "The noodles are fat and cooked with chicken and shrimp. It's usually prepared for town fiestas and served to the marching band, thus the name. Robert makes great steaks as well."

THE PINAY finalist in the "Suzie" search

Luz and Robert were quite a popular love team in their prime. Their fans considered them the "perfect pair," real and on reel. "We were an ideal couple," she agrees. "I never thought something bad would happen. I guess, it's destiny." Although separated, they've remained good friends. "We always talk. Especially about our children."

Proudly, she relates that their grownup kids have both carved meaningful careers away from show biz. "My daughter Maleck is a bank executive and my son Robbie is with an insurance company. Maleck has given me two granddaughters."

Currently, her days are divided between two GMA-7 shows (the sitcom "Idol Ko si Kap" and the telenovela "Sugo") and her counseling work with the Oasis of Love Catholic charismatic community, headed by Christopher de Leon.

"I counsel the youth, the widowed, the separated, single parents, even old maids," she says. "I teach catechism in a public school in Pasig. I'm also a lector in church. After one visit to Baclaran, I was offered 'Sugo.' How can I not serve God?"

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IN "Chinita," with Nestor de Villa

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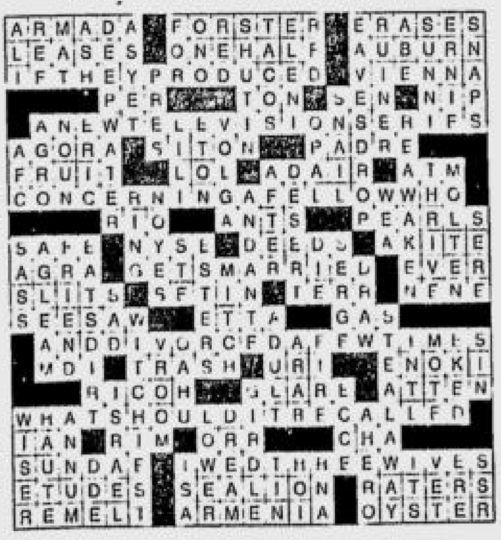

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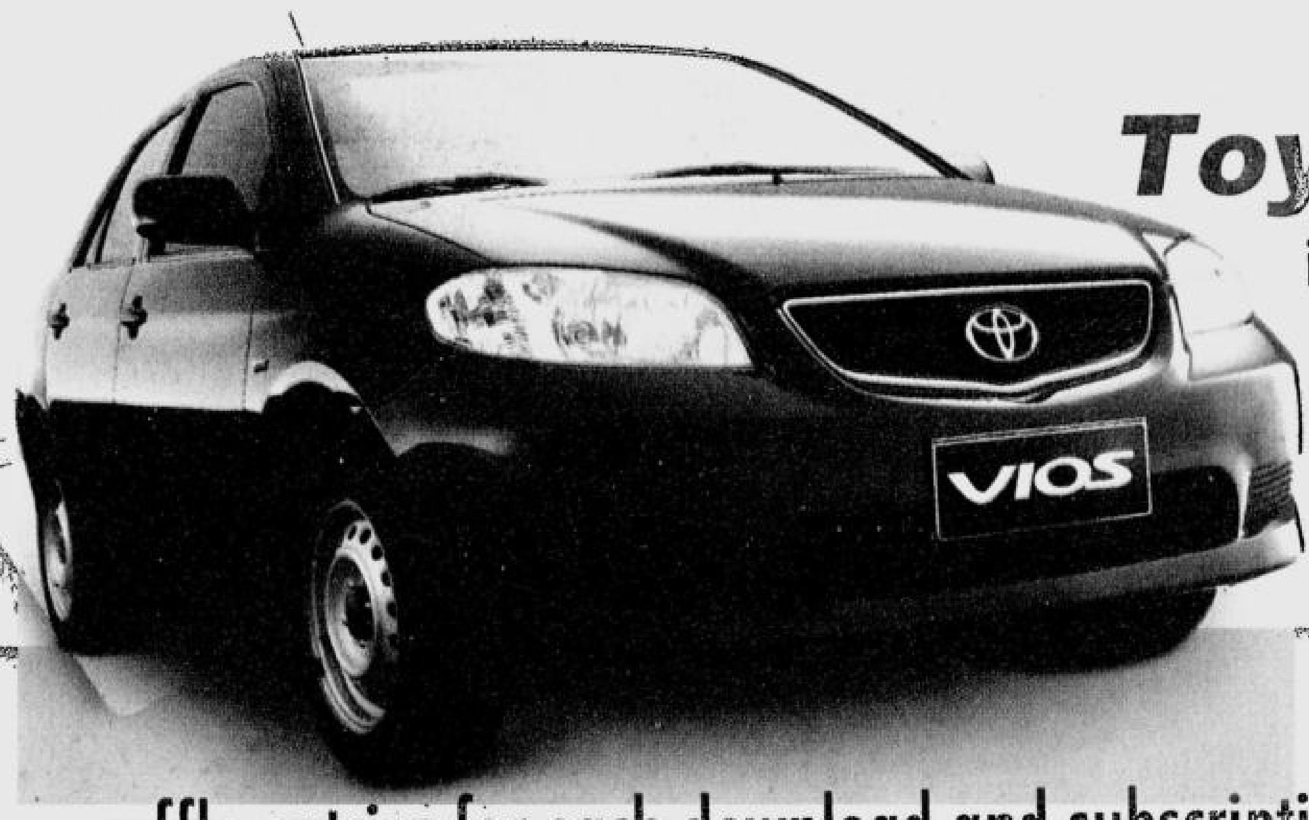

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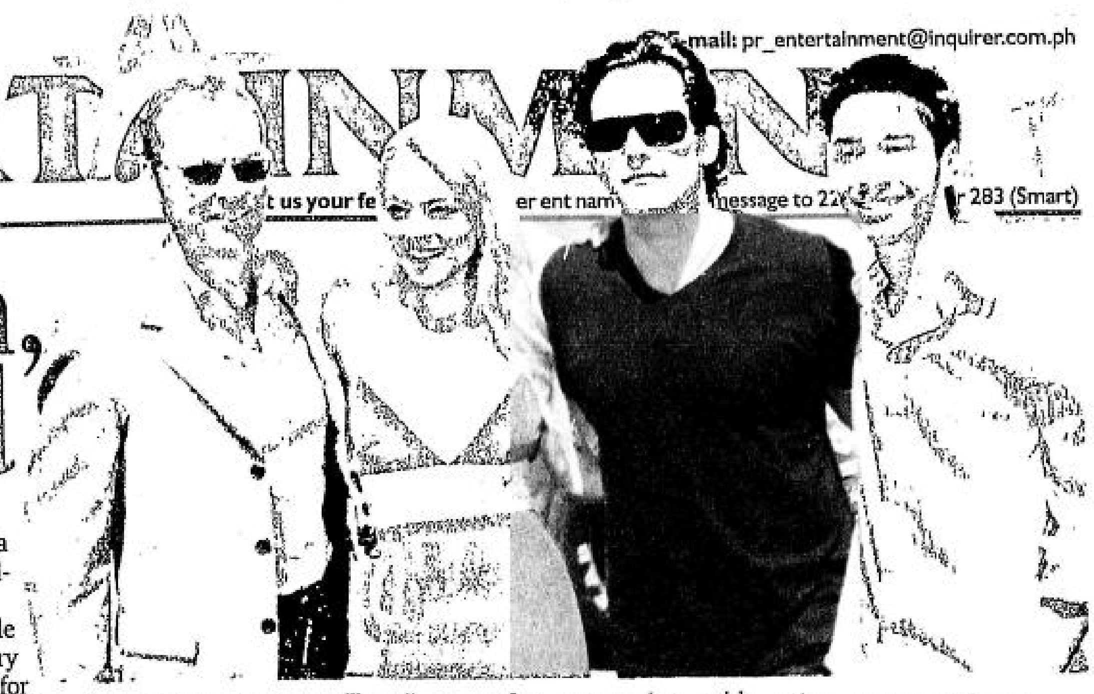

WITH "Herbie" co-stars Michael Keaton (left) Matt Dillon and Justin Long

Lindsay Lohan, fully loaded

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LOS ANGELES—At 18, Lindsay Lohan received a paycheck of $7 million for the lead role in the movie "Lady Luck."

Aside from getting fat paychecks, Lindsay has graced magazine covers, often in provocative outfits that remind folks she is no longer the child actress who played twins in "The Parent Trap." To cap her fully loaded movie career, she gets a chance to act opposite the great Meryl Streep in the film adaptation of Garrison Keillor's popular radio anthology, "A Prairie Home Companion."

Bittersweet

Success is bittersweet for Lindsay, though. There's the ongoing, much-publicized battle between Lindsay and her mom, Dina, on one side, and her dad, Michael, on the other. Michael has been calling columnists to air his side—from jail, where the former stockbroker is serving time for several convictions.

Yet Lindsay, who just turned 19, remains gracious. At the premiere party of her latest movie, "Herbie: Fully Loaded," for which a block of Hollywood Boulevard was closed, Lindsay was very accessible, even saying "Hi!" to my family as she passed by.

In the heat of the early afternoon (unusual time for a premiere party), Lindsay gamely donned a long gown on the red carpet. She changed into a dress for the party later, in keeping with the "block party" theme. Featured were racing cars on display, including the original "Love Bug," a live band and a gravity-defying ride called Mega Loop which my daughters Nikki and Ella took again and again.

A few days earlier, in our interview with her, Lindsay laughed away the bizarre incident in which a paparazzo allegedly tried to ram his mini van into her Mercedes, just so he could take her pictures. Lindsay's car was smashed and, ironically, other paparazzi were the ones who managed to take pictures of the actress during the accident.

Empowering

Since she was promoting "Herbie," an update of the beloved "Love Bug" movie series of the '70s in which a Volkswagen Beetle becomes a racing car, Lindsay was asked if she liked to drive fast.

"Well, my car is a wreck right now," said the green-eyed actress, looking Marilyn Monroe-ish in her new blonde locks (for "Prairie"; she is a natural redhead). "Everyone likes to drive fast once in a while."

Have the paparazzi come down to this level? "Worse," answered Lindsay.

In "Herbie," Lindsay is Maggie Peyton, new owner of Number 53, the Beetle with a mind of its own. Maggie is a third generation member of a racing family. But Dad (Michael Keaton) would rather see her as a host on ESPN. Before long, Maggie is racing against a champ (Matt Dillon), of course.

"I love this role because it is very empowering for women," Lindsay offered. "Nascar (National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing) is very male dominated. It's nice to see doors opening for women, especially now that we have Danica Patrick, who is just coming out as a racer."

Lindsay seems born to star in Disney movies. Her dazzling screen presence gains extra spark in these films bathed in California's golden sunshine. In separate interviews, Michael and Matt elaborated on Lindsay's screen magic. "[She has] this amazing compass," Michael told me. "She trusts her compass and the needle goes zoom, right there, and she's always right. So even when she's just talking to a car, she's always spot on."

Matt said, "Lindsay is very confident. She doesn't seem to judge herself, which is a really good thing."

Asked how she developed such confidence, Lindsay replied, "I've gone through more than most people do in a lifetime."

The actress aims to be a "triple threat"—sing, dance and act—just like her idol, Ann Margaret. Lindsay has a multi-album contract with Tommy Mottola's Casablanca Records.

Fervent goal

When I asked about the most significant change in her life from the time I interviewed her as an 11-year-old moppet in "The Parent Trap," Lindsay answered, "In this business, you grow up really fast. I am now making my own decisions. That's the main thing that's changed."

The only time during the interview that I saw Lindsay lose composure was when a reporter asked about the ongoing issue with her dad. "He's still my father and I love him. End of story," she snapped.

LONG gown on a sweltering afternoon

The subject of more grown-up roles quickly called back the cheerful, articulate Lindsay.

"I recently switched talent agencies," she disclosed. "I told them I wanted more projects along the lines of actresses close to my age, like Natalie Portman. People have this perception of me from the tabloids that I am not very responsible or focused, and that I take my career for granted. None of that is true."

While searching for those challenging roles, she has upcoming comedies—"Fashionistas," based on the novel, and "Lady Luck."

She shared a fervent goal: "I want to eventually start my own charity for underprivileged and abused children. I've been mentioning it to people but it seems hard for them to take me seriously because they know I work so much at this point. But we'll see."

Whisper Love

Jennifer Love Hewitt, star of the romance-comedy-drama "If Only," will play real-life ghostbuster Mary Ann Winkowski who sees ghosts even at Starbucks on CBS' "Ghost Whisperer." I wonder if these spirits who hang around Starbucks branches in Hollywood prefer cappuccino with extra foam to nonfat vanilla latte.

Jennifer's new gig ties in with the plot of "If Only": When his musician love (Jennifer) dies in an accident after they had a fight, an English businessman (Paul Nicholls) gets an opportunity to start all over again."

(E-mail the columnist at rvnepales@yahoo.com.)

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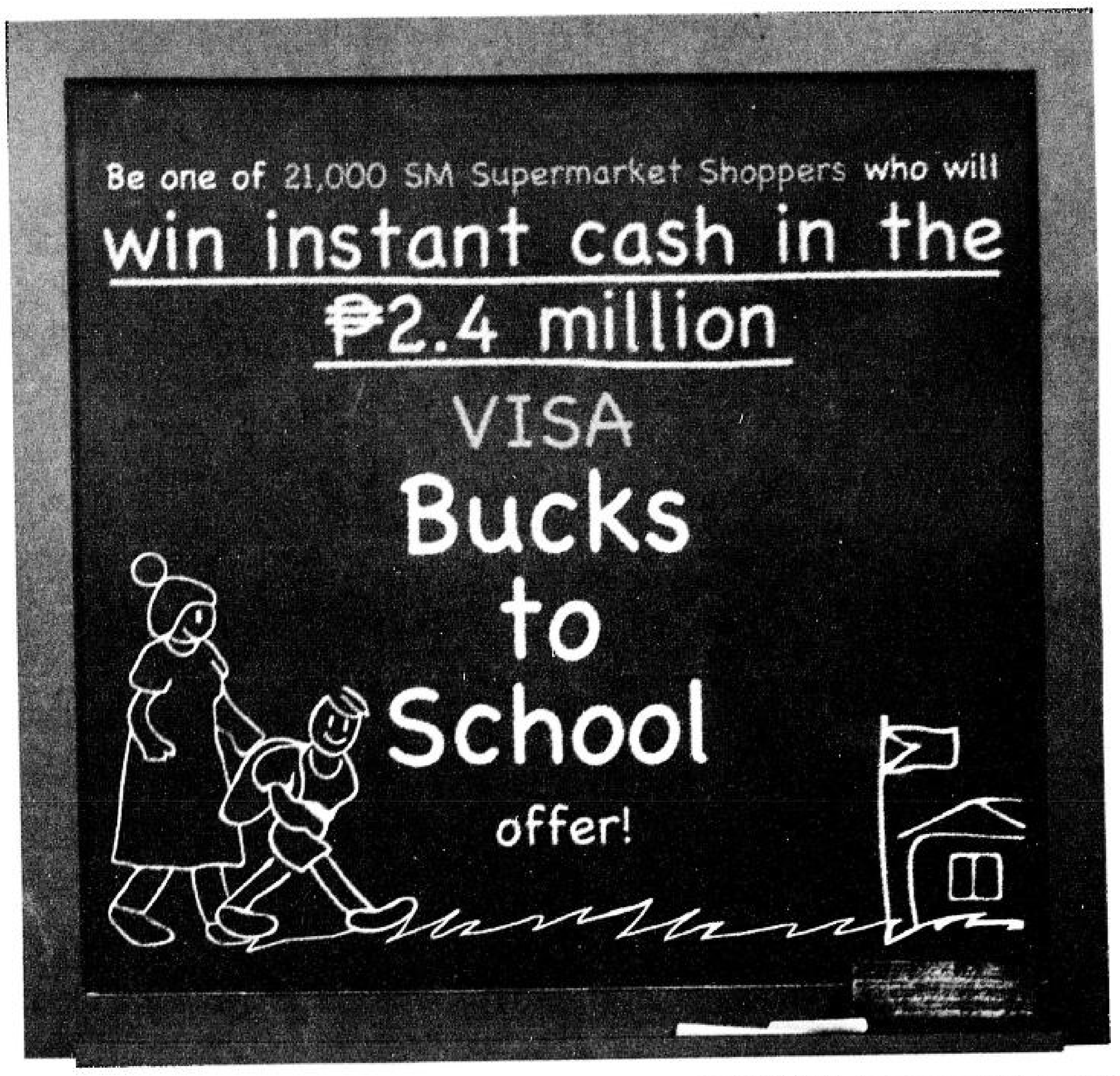
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'Fantastic Four' is formul

It could've been a more visual, thunderous slugfest but it isn't

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

REVIEW

THE PAST few months have seen the big-screen debuts of fan-favorite comic book characters, and it's been a mixed bag so far. "Batman Begins" and Sin City" are memorably powerful takes on the art form's grittiest characters and stories, while "Elektra" is merely, inexcusably, bland. Marvel's new "Fantastic Four" movie is a competent film that recreates the popular heroes' core selves for moviegoers and is a formulaic re-imagining of the cosmic ray-powered family's not-so-secret origin.

As characters, the Fantastic Four are unique because they don't have secret identities and are beloved by their fellow New Yorkers. But the fact that they're a close-knit family of celebrities also works into the contemporary feel of the movie. Their super-heroic exploits and civilian lives are well-documented, unlike that of the stealthy X-Men's, or the severely misunderstood Spider-Man's.

The concept of the group and the interpersonal dynamics are explored well, as much of the movie is spent detailing the repercussions of a small team's ill-fated space mission, and how these beings deal with their new abilities. It got the personalities down pat: Reed Richards (Ioan Gruffudd) is the shy and elastic Mr. Fantastic; Sue Storm (Jessica Alba) is the strong-willed Invisible Woman; Ben Grimm (Michael Chiklis) is the loyal behemoth Thing; Johnny Storm (Chris Evans) is the cool pyro-kinetic Human Torch. We clearly get all that early on.

But intense action scenes are few and fleeting. Most of those shown were already pre-

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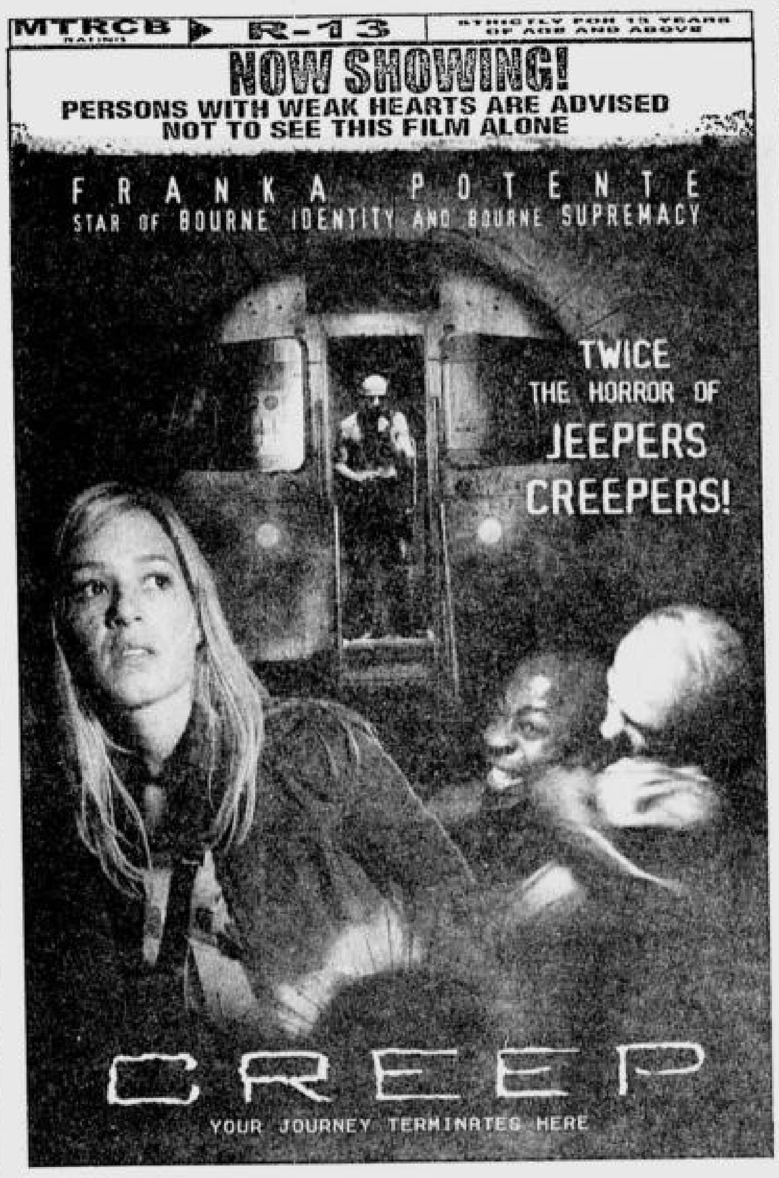
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PERFORMANCES	*Guarana on July 15, Acoustic Jive on July 16 & Mon David on July 17 at the Gateway Roxas Tunnel*
EXHIBITS	*Herbie: Fully Loaded life-size replica on display ongoing until July 13 at the Gateway Cineplex 10 Lobby*
SPECIAL APPEARANCE	*Neil Gaiman Book Signing on July 11, 4pm at Fully Booked on Level 2 of Gateway Mall*

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'Tara Na Pinoy!'

LAY evangelist Bo Sanchez
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gelista team up for "Tara
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show that tackles spiritualit
daily living.

"When you preach to a
audience," Bo says, "there is
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tion." Via any other medium
knows he has to work twic
hard. "You have to hav
that people are listening.'

With "Tara Na Pinoy!" w
debuts today at 6:30 p.m.,
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Philippines a first-world co
try. "We have to dream ab
he says. "If we don't, it w
happen."

About the youth, wh
says Patricia exemplifies, h
very optimistic: "Young p
are looking for somethin
and die for."

This is one other impo
aspect that the one-
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n the second trailer, so those that knew what to expect in ences. A climactic showdown h-nemesis Dr. Doom (Julian n) unfolded rather pre- and lacked impact, which dampened the potential for hem pretty quickly.

ovie that's heavily dependent al effects, there isn't anything ngly new. There are fun, glossed-up shots all over, but the Thing's rubbery-looking rock-skin was, sadly, over- oked. It really looked fake nd unconvincing. Also, Dr. Doom's get-up looked too drab nenacing. But it's a good thing Fantastic Four's sprightly blue ere just right, radiating both and class.

ll, "Fantastic Four" is pretty … Its serviceable dialogue is p by double entendres and im- kiness (Sue has to strip at first her clothes can't turn invisi- porter asks if Reed can stretch all parts of his body, etc.). The conflicts and resolutions are uncomplicated and spoon-fed to the audience.

BUT the blue tights look sexy on Jessica.

NG's rock-like skin looks fake.

Anyone who's seen "The Incredibles" (inspired by many old characters, including the FF) can attest to the fact that superheroes have been portrayed engrossingly and enjoyably before. "Fantastic Four" barely taps into that magical and mature handling. Many aspects can still be improved, and if the franchise does continue, then perhaps the sequel can expound on the newly established relationships of the likeable characters and rectify the shortcomings that this setup movie committed. It has the potential to be as big as the "X-Men" films, and it would only be fitting to have the Fantastic Four deal with newer, cosmic-level threats on an epic scale, just like in the comic book.

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Stars love the challenge of musical theater

A STANDING ovation and "bravos" greeted the end of the premiere performance of the new religious musical, "Mapaghimalang Birhen ng Caysasay" at the CCP Little Theater last Thursday night, warming the hearts of the production's cast members.

Ogie Alcasid, who played the male lead role of Haybing in the musical, was especially gratified because the show marks his return to musical theater, after his deep involvement in Musical Theater Philippines' "Sino Ka Ba, Jose Rizal?" where he played the title role to great acclaim.

Ogie feels so upbeat about the challenge of and fulfillment in musical theater performance that he wants to do another musical. He knows that, with the involvement of popular and committed entertainment stars like himself, Filipino musicals will much sooner come into their own.

That's why, despite his exceedingly busy show biz schedule that recently took him to the States, Australia and Taiwan in a very short time frame, he still found time to rehearse for the "Birhen ng Caysasay" musical, and to devote all of his time from July 5 to 8 to the show.

For his part, **Cocoy Laurel** took over the lead role of Haybing yesterday, and will again perform in the musical's last two shows, at 3 and 8 p.m. today.

Like Ogie, Cocoy brings to the show a love for the tradition of Our Lady of Caysasay, and for musical theater, honed through all of his many performances here, and as The Engineer in the hit musical, "Miss Saigon", in London and Australia. For tickets to the final two CCP performances of "Birhen ng Caysasay" today, call executive producer **Ramon Orlina** at 781-5918.

After the musical's CCP run, it will be taken on a performance tour of Luzon provinces, to further spread the good word about God's healing love for His people as demonstrated in part by the miracles attributed to Our Lady of Caysasay's prayerful intercession through the years.

Right after the musical ends its CCP run, some of the show's cast members will be rehearsing for another religious presentation, the CBCP Office on Women's production of a play on the life of Pople **John Paul II**.

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

The play is being mounted to raise funds for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines' many projects, to pay loving tribute to the beloved late Pontiff, and to enhance viewers' spiritual lives.

The increasing popularity of religious plays and musicals reflects people's desire to return to their spiritual roots, and to put their lives in the proper perspective, in relation to the ultimate goals of human existence.

Committed artists like Ogie, Cocoy and "Caysasay's" other lead players (**Ivy Violan, Tommy Abuel, Araceli Dans, Rito Asilo, Jane Diaz, Lou Veloso, Andy Bais** etc.) can find fulfillment in the realization that they are playing a significant role in furthering this important artistic and spiritual quest for enlightenment.

'Winning the War on Terrorism'

IN CNN'S new documentary, "Winning the War on Terrorism," national security correspondent **David Ensor** talks to those at the forefront of fighting terrorists in Europe and the Middle East as he examines whether their strategies would be effective in the United States.

The documentary will be telecast at noon and at 6 p.m. today.

Hear the views of terrorism experts including author **Gilles Kepel** on security versus civil liberties; **Jacob Bet** (former head of Israel's internal security agency, Shin Bet) on targeted assassinations; and Judge **Louis Bruguiere**, leader of France's elite counter-terrorism team.

'Africa at Risk'

CNN'S special coverage of the G8 meeting in Scotland ends today. The week-long coverage, "Africa at Risk," has featured **Christine Amanpour**'s unparalleled reports from Ethiopia on extreme poverty; **Jeff Koinange** on relief efforts in Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa, and the encore screenings of award-winning filmmaker **Sorious Samura**'s documentaries, "Surviving Hunger" and "Living with Refugees."

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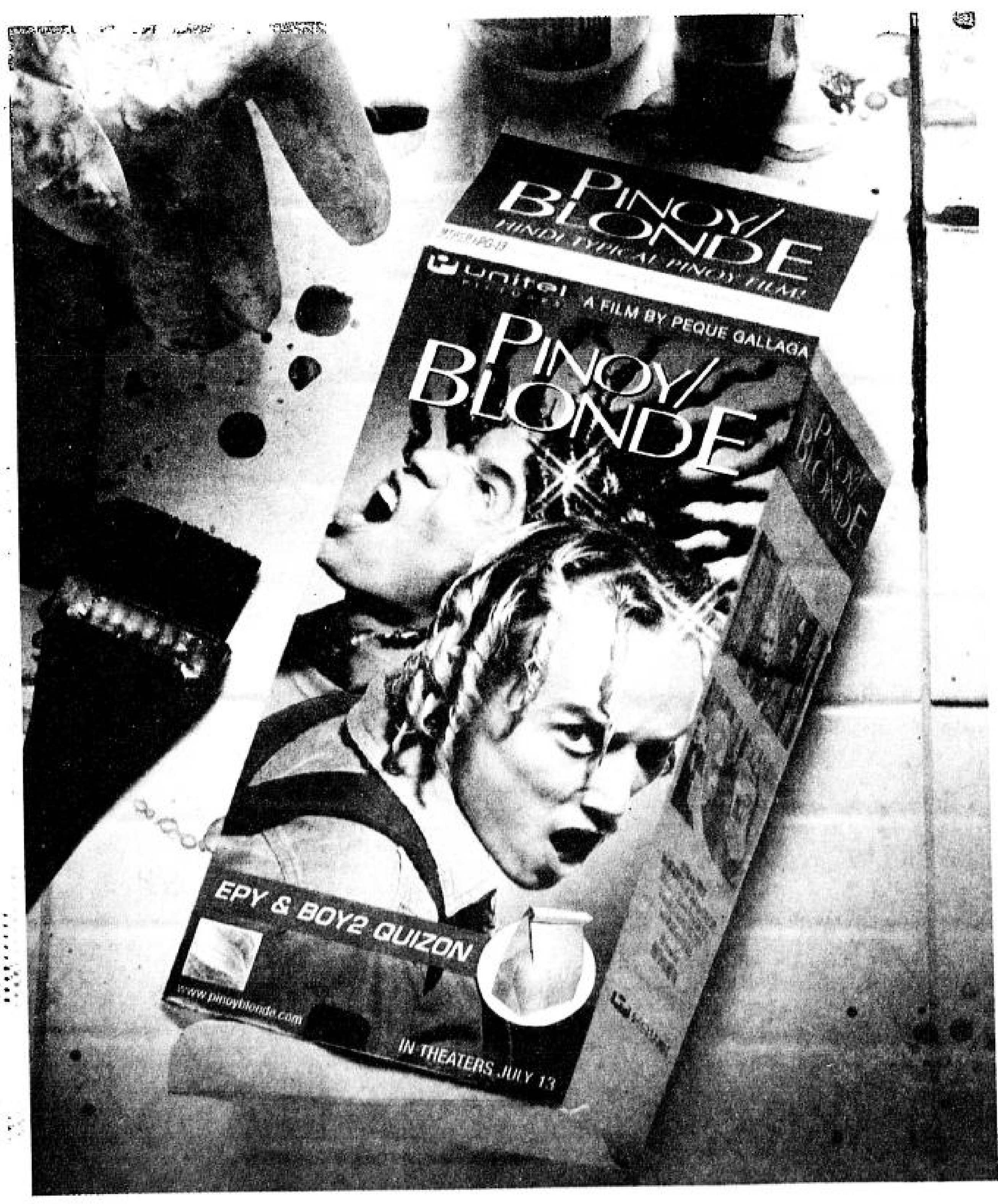

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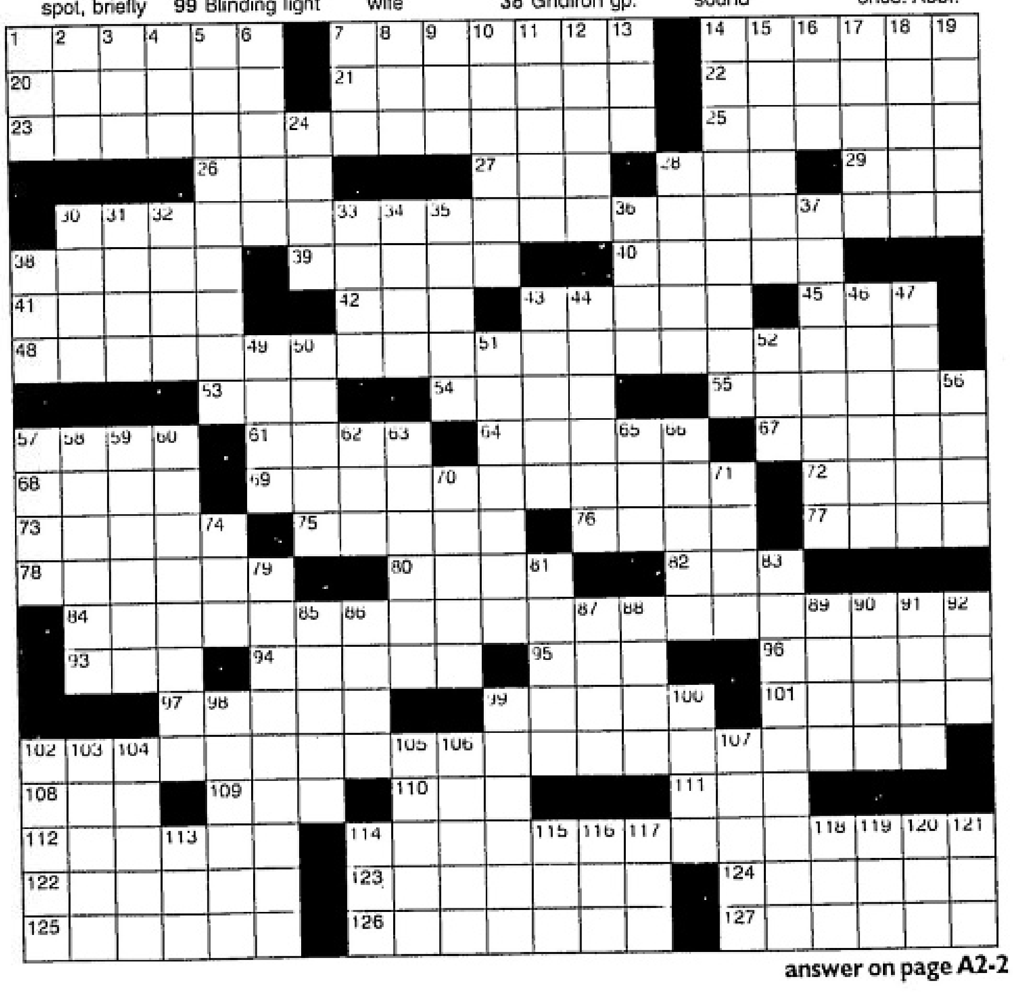

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2nd Quarter 2005 OVERALL CHANNEL RATINGS
Mega Manila TV Households TOTAL DAY (6AM-12MN)

	AGB Phils.	Nielsen Media Phils.
GMA	**18.6**	**14.0**
ABS-CBN	13.7	10.1

2nd Quarter 2005 CHANNEL RATINGS BY DAYPART
Mega Manila TV Households

AGB Media Phils.

	MORNING (6am-12nn)	AFTERNOON (12nn-6pm)	EVENING (6pm-12mn)
GMA	**9.7**	**18.9**	**27.3**
ABS-CBN	7.5	14.9	18.9

Nielsen Media Phils.

	MORNING (6am-12nn)	AFTERNOON (12nn-6pm)	EVENING (6pm-12mn)
GMA	**7.7**	**14.4**	**19.8**
ABS-CBN	5.9	10.7	13.8

OVERALL TOP 20 PROGRAMS IN 2nd QUARTER 2005
Mega Manila TV Households

15 OUT OF THE TOP 20 PROGRAMS ARE ON GMA

AGB Media Phils.

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	RATING%
1.	STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN	GMA	41.9
2.	DARNA	GMA	40.2
3.	ENCANTADIA	GMA	38.0
4.	ALL ABOUT EVE	GMA	34.6
5.	ATTIC CAT	GMA	32.4
6.	EXTRA CHALLENGE	GMA	31.7
7.	BITOY'S FUNNIEST VIDEO	GMA	30.8
8.	KAMPANERANG KUBA	ABS-CBN	29.7
9.	24 ORAS	GMA	28.2
10.	FULL HOUSE	GMA	27.5
11.	ALL STAR KI	GMA	26.5
12.	METEOR GARDEN THE FULL EDITION	ABS-CBN	26.4
13.	IKAW ANG LAHAT SA AKIN	ABS-CBN	25.0
14.	MGA ANGHEL NA WALANG LANGIT	ABS-CBN	25.7
15.	IMBESTIGADOR	GMA	25.0
16.	SAVE THE LAST DANCE FOR ME	ABS-CBN	24.8
17.	IRENE	GMA	24.2
18.	PINOY POP SUPERSTAR (Year 2)	GMA	24.2
19.	EAT BULAGA	GMA	24.1
20.	KAPUSO MO JESSICA SOHO	GMA	23.2

16 OUT OF THE TOP 20 PROGRAMS ARE ON GMA

Nielsen Media Phils.

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	RATING%
1.	STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN	GMA	32.1
2.	DARNA	GMA	28.2
3.	ENCANTADIA	GMA	26.7
4.	ALL ABOUT EVE	GMA	25.1
5.	EXTRA CHALLENGE (Mon-Fri)	GMA	23.2
6.	BITOY'S FUNNIEST VIDEO	GMA	22.8
7.	FULL HOUSE	GMA	21.8
8.	KAMPANERANG KUBA	ABS-CBN	21.4
9.	ATTIC CAT	GMA	21.3
10.	METEOR GARDEN THE FULL EDITION	ABS-CBN	20.9
11.	EXTRA CHALLENGE (Sat)	GMA	20.7
12.	24 ORAS	GMA	20.2
13.	ALL STAR K!	GMA	19.2
14.	MGA ANGHEL NA WALANG LANGIT	ABS-CBN	19.1
15.	IRENE	GMA	18.5
16.	IMBESTIGADOR	GMA	18.3
17.	EAT BULAGA (Mon-Fri)	GMA	18.2
18.	EAT BULAGA (Sat)	GMA	18.1
19.	IKAW ANG LAHAT SA AKIN	ABS-CBN	18.1
20.	PINOY POP SUPERSTAR	GMA	17.5

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COMPARATIVE RATING GAPS BETWEEN CABLE & NON-CABLE TV HOUSEHOLDS
for selected competing programs (Mega Manila • June* 2005), AGB PHILS. (Telemonitor)

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		NON-CABLE HOMES RATINGS%	CABLE HOMES RATINGS%	GAP (Non-Cable - Cable)
EARLY MORNING	UNANG HIRIT (June 6-30)	7	5	2
LATE MORNING	SIS (June 1-10)	14	7	7
	SIS (June 13-30)	15	8	7
	STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN-UNCUT	20	11	9
	KAY SUSAN TAYO!	12	6	6
NOON	EAT BULAGA	26	21	5
	SOP	16	12	4
AFTERNOON	S-FILES	14	11	3
	FULL HOUSE (6-630pm) (June 1-3)	25	14	11
	FULL HOUSE (6-630pm) (June 6-30)	22	13	9

ABS-CBN

		NON-CABLE HOMES RATINGS%	CABLE HOMES RATINGS%	GAP (Non-Cable - Cable)
EARLY MORNING	MAGANDANG UMAGA PILIPINAS (June 6-30)	6	6	0
LATE MORNING	M.R.S. (June 1-10)	10	7	3
	HOME BOY (June 13-30)	10	9	1
	RUBI	16	13	3
	AT HOME KA DITO	7	7	0
NOON	PILIPINAS GAME KNB?	18	17	1
	WOWOWEE	18	16	2
	ASAP '05	13	14	(1)
AFTERNOON	THE BUZZ	15	17	(2)
	TV PATROL WORLD (6-7pm/June 1-3)	23	18	5
	QPIDS (6-630pm/June 6-30)	13	12	1

Magandang Umaga Pilipinas premiered on June 6, replacing M.U.B.

Kaya makaaasa kayong patuloy kaming maghahatid
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ROBERT V. Chandran sets up a $500,000 venture fund

'Put on a belt and a suspender' to avoid failure

By Michelle V. Remo

TWENTY-NINE years ago, this owner of a multibillion-dollar US oil company, could hardly find a place in the western world that welcomed inexperienced young people, not to mention foreigners, like him.

Groping as to what pleases American employers, his diploma at first could not land him a decent job.

"I was ready to take on any kind of job, even pumping gas. I knew I needed to earn a living," says Indian national Robert Chandran. Adding pressure was the fact that he and his Filipina wife just had their first-born child.

Chandran, founder and chief executive officer of multinational firm Chemoil Corp., did not have an inkling that in just a few years he would be building a business empire.

US-based Chemoil Corp., established by Chandran in 1981, is the largest supplier

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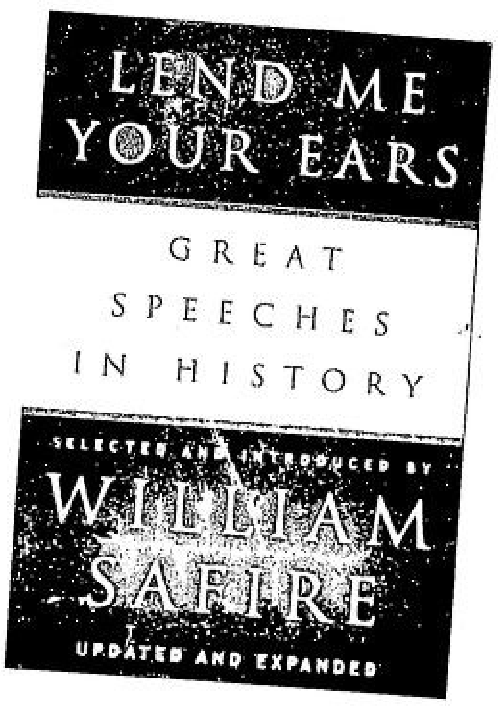

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Capturing the 'moment' to win, not to fail

By Dante M. Velasco
Contributor

"Lend Me Your Ears"
(Updated and Expanded Edition
By William Safire
W. W. Norton & Company, 2004

EXECUTIVE READ

THE ATTENTION of the entire country continues to be riveted on the speech of apology of President Macapagal-Arroyo, and on the late-breaking, almost disastrous, consequences of the mishandling of the entire affair.

Instead of assuaging the feelings of both her disappointed allies and unrelentingly acerbic critics, the speech triggered a series of rambunctious and chaotic Congressional hearings and now resignations by a significant number emboldened a lynch mob with even shriller voices crying for her resignation.

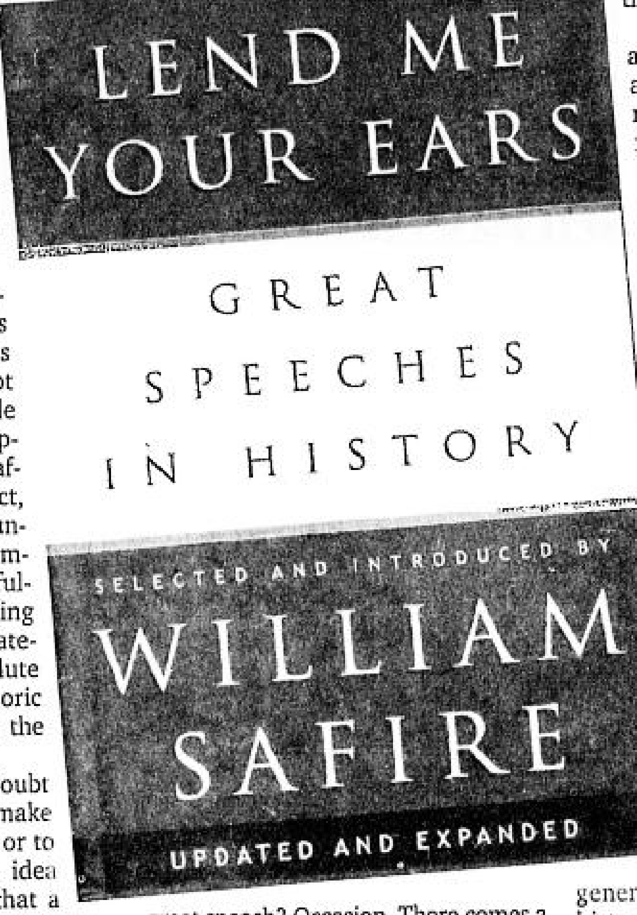
Observers were wondering why the Palace, with its vast information resources at its command, could not even muster a phone brigade programmed to provide support to the President right after her "confession." In fact, the confession was totally unnecessary, but the Palace committee of wordsmiths woefully stumbled all over to string together contradictory statements, needless absolute statements, and a sophomoric line: "I will serve you to the best of my ability."

Those of you who still doubt the power of rhetoric to make or break a political career or to espouse or frustrate an idea must now be convinced that a careless phrase thrown into a speech invites disaster.

Some observers volunteered the insight that the Palace wordsmiths patterned the GMA speech after the apology of Bill Clinton concerning his links and acts of indiscretion with Monica Lewinsky. If they did, they committed a grievous wrong failing to note the contrasting contexts between Bill's very private act at the Oval Office and Gloria's very public act speaking to the arbiter of a Presidential election.

And, if you read Clinton's speech (the delivered version), you would note the deft hand of seasoned rhetorician. This brings me to speak to you about "Lend Me Your Ears," a book that I picked out at a cozy bookstore, Ink & Stone. This is actually the updated and expanded edition of "Great Speeches in History" selected by noted rhetoric expert and writer William Safire. The earlier edition was published in 1983.

Editor Safire says in his "introductory address" in this book: "What makes a great speech? Occasion. There comes a dramatic moment in the life of a person or a party or a nation that cries out for the uplift and release of a speech. Someone is called upon to articulate the hope, pride, or grief of all… Some great occasions are frittered away with pedestrian addresses."



If you have a copy of the President's speech, and you get hold of the "delivered version" of Clinton's piece, you will note similarities—and contrasts. One difference is this calibrated phrase from Clinton: "I know that my public comments and my silence about this matter gave a false impression. I misled people, including even my wife. I deeply regret that." Isn't it clear that Clinton is apologizing about the consequences of his silence? Compare that with the lachrymose phrasing of GMA's speech—*"Pinagsisihan ko ito ng lubos,"* not even making clear what she is repenting of.

The book also includes the "undelivered" version of the Clinton apology which the former American President had the good sense to reject. GMA's contrite speech sounds like this other speech—no thanks to her advisers.

Three undelivered speeches are actually featured in this anthology of 1,156 pages, plus rhetorical pieces classified as memorials and patriotic speeches, war and revolution rhetorical classics, tributes and eulogies, debates and argumentation, trials, gallows and farewell speeches, sermons, inspirational speeches, lectures and instructive speeches, talks on social responsibility, media speeches, political pieces, and commencement addresses.

The speeches date to as far back as the time of Pericles years before Christ and as recent as Tony Blair's spirited exhortation to fight terrorism right after 9/11. The "moment" cited by Author Safire has been captured by the masters of the spoken word. And when such a moment is "seized," the speaker is rewarded—if not public support in his time and generation—with a special place in history. And be anthologized to join the ranks of "great speeches" and compelling speakers.

This book, obviously, is a timely read for Palace insiders. Executives in the corporate world can also keep this thick book handy when the moment comes to rally the corporate troops—not with a bland memo—with a soul-stirring speech.
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THE TYCOON credits his success partly to the entrepreneurship skills he learned from his studies in the Philippines, particularly in the AIM.

'Put on a belt . . .

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of marine bunker fuels in the Americas. Chemoil Corp. is the largest supplier of marine bunker fuels in the Americas. The company has physical operations in the largest bunkering ports in the United States (Los Angeles, Houston and New York). Chemoil's expansion outside the US started in 1998 with operations in Rotterdam and Antwerp in partnership with All-round Fuel Trading. In 2000 Chemoil entered the Singapore market establishing Chemoil-ITC. This was followed by the opening of Chemoil Latin America in Panama in 2003 and most recently Colombia in 2005. In all these ports, Chemoil either owns or controls terminals, storage and barging facilities, which allows for full integration in each market.

Chemoil Corp. and its affiliate companies have an annual revenue turnover of some $6 billion. The firm also controls significant market shares in all of its locations, and supplies about 20 percent of all bunker fuel requirements in the US, and about five percent of the demand worldwide.

Chemoil has grown from a trader of bunker fuels to a major player in the worldwide fuel oil markets with diversified interests in both terminals and shipping. In the year 2004, Chemoil Corp. bunkering supplied 5,000 vessels with more than 6 million metric tons of bunker fuel.

Early beginnings

Chandran was born and raised in a middle-class family in Bombay. His brilliant mind earned him a scholarship for post-graduate studies in Business Administration at the Asian Institute of Management, one of Asia's leading business schools located in the Philippines.

While taking up his MBA, he worked with a local chemical firm. After getting his degree from the AIM in 1974, he stayed on working for two more years.

In 1976, with $1,500 in his pocket, he tried his luck in the US.

Job-hunting was futile until his former Filipino boss put up a chemical firm in San Francisco. Chandran was tapped to help in the operations of the new firm, which later on succeeded to rake in up to $50 million worth revenues in one year, Chandran narrates.

When Chandran got his US citizenship in 1981, he set up his own business, the predecessor of Chemoil Corp.

Success factors

The tycoon credits his success partly to the entrepreneurship skills he learned from his studies in the Philippines, particularly in the AIM. He admits becoming a big-time entrepreneur almost only by accident, because putting up his own business was something he did not plan as a child.

When he was young, his father, a chemist, was one of his biggest inspirations. But his father's interest was solely in chemistry and did not earn much.

The young Chandran also took up Chemistry in college but the entrepreneurial skills he acquired from his post-graduate studies in AIM made him realize that he could earn a lot if he put up his own business. He did not have to set aside his love for chemistry, because he knew he could venture on a business that was in line with his expertise.

"Students grow up in this country with a lot of brains, but not enough money," he says. Being in their shoes once, Chandran says he knows the difficulties young people go through to realize their dreams the moment they step out of school.

Giving back

With AIM and Filipinos close to his heart, Chandran created a $500,000 fund to help entrepreneurs at his alma mater.

The Robert V. Chandran $100 K Venture Capital Award is available to promising graduates of the AIM'S W. SyCip Graduate School of Business. Chandran will invest $100,000 each year for five years beginning March 2006 as an award for the best start-up ventures by graduating MBA students from the AIM. The award will be managed by Andorra, an Angel Investment and Venture Capital company put up by Chandran in the Philippines, together with Chemoil Corp.

The $100,000 annual award is, by far, the largest sum of money ever awarded for a B-School sponsored competition in the world. North American counterparts give only as much as $50,000 as awards for similar competitions.

Chandran says to qualify for the award, the business plans must be original, meaning it cannot be a franchise of an existing business, and that they should be viable. The winner per year will be chosen by a panel that includes professors from the AIM and Chandran himself.

"This will not be a charity kind of game. The intention of this award is really to encourage students to come up with bright business ideas, and be successful in pursuing them," he says.

Chandran believes that his pledge would be a form of gratitude to his AIM, and a source of inspiration for students who have the talent but do not have enough money to make it big in the world of business.

Chandran puts premium to success, believing that success alone will encourage other people to work hard in fulfilling their dreams. He says that in putting up a business, or in pursuing goals in general, one must "put on a belt and a suspender" to avoid failure—putting in redundancies, check and rechecking systems and processes, putting in safety measures.

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Marrying business into art

FOR SOMEONE who made the theater his second home, Elino S. Pigtain IV is doing a good job of managing a business he set up. The creative director of EP Creative Entourage, Pigtain, better known as Eric Pablo, is the man behind the innovative Fun Arts Workshop.

Pablo says that he "has never worked for any company" but immersed himself in the performing arts since college.

"At 21, I was already directing. I was spotted by a producer and was tasked to put things together. From there, I was already producing television plugs, events and was also doing stage plays and beauty pageants," Pablo adds.

Getting armed

Conscious that he was embracing a career in dance, music and stage, Pablo prepared himself by attending workshops by the Cultural Center of the Philippine, Peta, Bulwagang Gantimpala, as well as dance workshops held locally and abroad. The birth of EP Creative Entourage and eventually, Fun Arts Workshops, was but logical for someone who has made being an effective mediator for the common good a guiding principle in life.

"The mission, vision and action of Fun Arts Workshop is using arts as a means, a tool to teach values. Why values? I realized, there are humanitarian (basic) values that people need to know, whatever religion or sect we are into. I believe in teaching the values of self-worth, being true to one self and respect," Pablo emphasizes.

Schooled in a seminary—Don Bosco Mandaluyong—he upholds and promotes values in his workshops. "We were taught how it was to serve."

Assembling the cast

Pablo assembled a competitive faculty who made their marks in their respective fields—Bodjie Pascua (Kids' Theater), James Gaddi (of the Manoeuvres fame, to teach Street Dance; Allan Alojipan (Music and Theater), Neomi Tabana (Music and Theater), J.K. Anicoche, Edwin Dela Torre and Naser Salcedo.

"We took in faculty members who share the belief of making arts as a medium to teach values. The faculty also underwent the Fun of Arts workshops so they'd be introduced to what we are offering. We don't just teach the technique, we also teach the craft," Pablo explains.

Pablo asserts that their fees are very affordable.

"We believe that the arts is not only for bourgeois but for all. But does this mean the quality of the workshops is cheap? No. You don't get less for your money because our faculty is almost the same as the faculty of the other workshops, it just so happens that we can afford to go down to a very reasonable fee because we want everybody to avail of what they could experience with us," he explains.

Pablo grew up in a family where indulging in art was considered a cost the family could not afford. His hunger pushed him to become what he is right now. "I was deprived because I did not have the means ... We are making the arts accessible for everyone."

For everybody

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FUN Art Workshop teachers

Helping Filipinos' dreams

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get would be to open up the French, Spanish and German markets," said Christian.

The embassy has 25 clients. Christian said that those who will be sent abroad will not be required to come back and do the same thing that the ambassadors did for them.

"We don't require, but we want our clients to realize, that they can have all the money that they want, but this is our country, this is our home and I think if you'll give back something, it would be here," he said.

Lex Ledesma, executive director of CIE had this to add, "If these people all went to universities abroad and came back here, I believe that there is still hope [for the country]."

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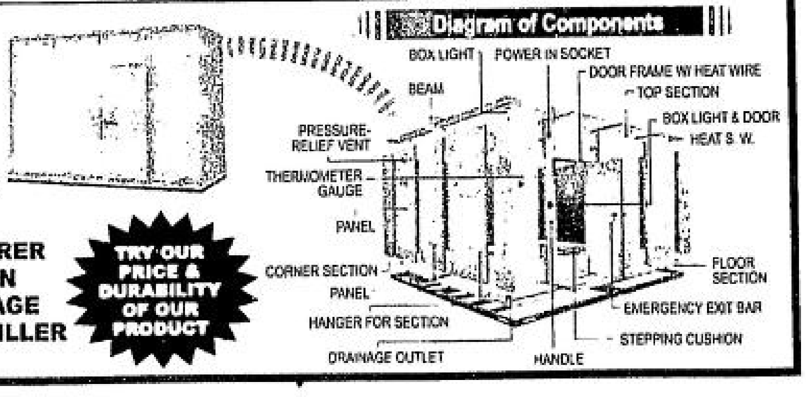

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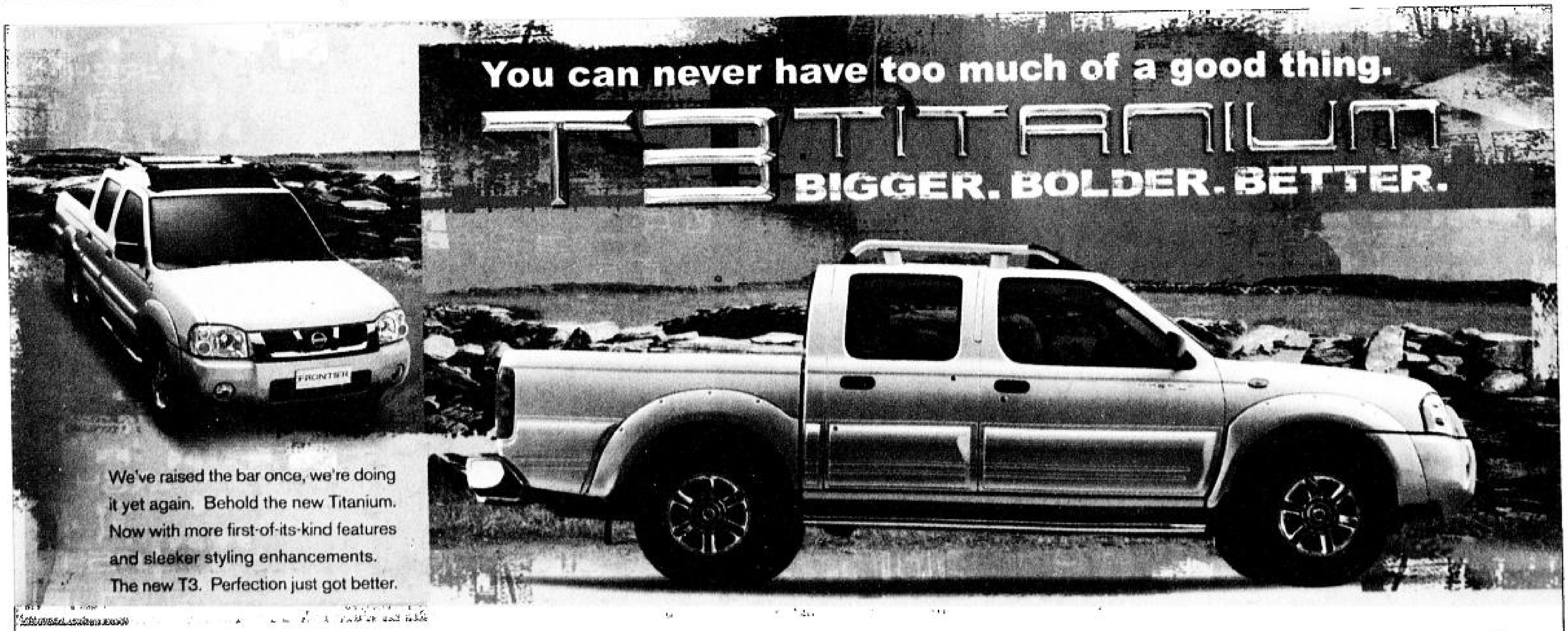

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Lounge around on the road

NOW more than ever, vehicle designers use the term "mobile living" as a guiding principle in building SUVs, wagons and minivans. In essence, it refers to a motor vehicle's capability to recreate a house's cozy, pleasant ambiance while cruising along at 100 kilometers per hour. It is making the otherwise confined passenger cabin a living habitat in which people do not merely travel but also rest, unwind, even interact with one another. Such a vehicle characteristic is crucial at a time when a huge portion of our time is spent sitting in traffic every day.

Suzuki Philippines is addressing this concern by launching the all-new Suzuki APV All-Purpose Vehicle, a spacious and modern family wagon for eight passengers that is truly a living room on wheels. Emphasis has to be placed on the word "modern" since the Suzuki APV All-Purpose Vehicle, when viewed from any angle, looks every inch like the space-age version of current and old wagons that possessed a boxy styling motif. Dynamic lines and curves are employed on the vehicle's outer sheet metal to give it a stylish on-road presence.

Despite a compact-looking body that measures 4,155 millimeters in length, 1,655 in width and 1,860 mm in height, the Suzuki APV All-Purpose Vehicle offers minibus-like interior dimensions that guarantee unparalleled spaciousness in its class. With both third-row seats folded, the Suzuki APV All-Purpose Vehicle even provides a rear cargo space of 714 liters--more than enough for the entire family to take all the necessary personal effects with them. Whether the trip is to a golf course or to a far-flung beach, the Suzuki APV All-Purpose Vehicle is up to the challenge of conveying its passengers and their golf bags or vacation luggage.

To ensure utter passenger convenience and comfort, Suzuki has equipped the APV All-Purpose Vehicle with rear air conditioning that has individual controls strategically positioned overhead; center armrests for both second- and third-row seats; foldable front- and second-row seats that form a bed-like surface; and other thoughtful items like a support grip for the front passenger, driver-side pocket and integrated bottle holders in front.

Powered by a 16-valve gasoline engine, the Suzuki APV All-Purpose Vehicle has key safety features designed to protect a family's most prized possession, which is the life of every member. The Suzuki APV All-Purpose Vehicle's body construction, for instance, benefits from Suzuki's TECT (Total Effective Control Technology) assembly process that enables the vehicle body to direct collision-impact energy away from the occupants. The Suzuki APV All-Purpose Vehicle's front part, or nose, acts as an insulation or buffer to dissipate the force of the impact. Complementing this technology are strong side-impact beams that resist deformation in the event of a crash.

For matters of security, the Suzuki APV All-Purpose Vehicle has remote keyless entry with hazard-lamp answer-back function as well as central door locking to safeguard the passengers and their belongings whether they're inside or outside the vehicle.

With the all-new APV All-Purpose Vehicle, Suzuki is bound to change the way Filipino families travel on the road. It's spacious, it's comfortable, it's safe, and it's definitely competent. Now you don't have to leave the living room behind: Drive the Suzuki APV All-Purpose Vehicle and take your family anywhere you want.

AN AWARDS HARVEST FOR IBP CEBU CHAPTERS, LAWYERS

At the Awards Night of the National Convention of Lawyers held in Camp John Hay, Baguio City from April 19 to 22, Cebu was in the map for the most number of awards given to the local IBP Chapters and its members. The Cebu Chapter of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines received the coveted plum as the most outstanding IBP Chapter under the dedicated and productive leadership of Manuel Monzon. The theme for this year's National Convention is 'Alleviating Poverty and Resolving the Fiscal Crisis: Challenges for the Legal System'. Shown are (from right) Senate President Franklin Drilon giving the plaque from the IBP for outstanding public and environmental service and commitment to foremost environmental lawyer and chair of the IBP-National Environmental Action Team, Antonio Oposa Jr., as received by Gloria Estenzo Ramos, Democrito Barcenas and Manuel Monzon.

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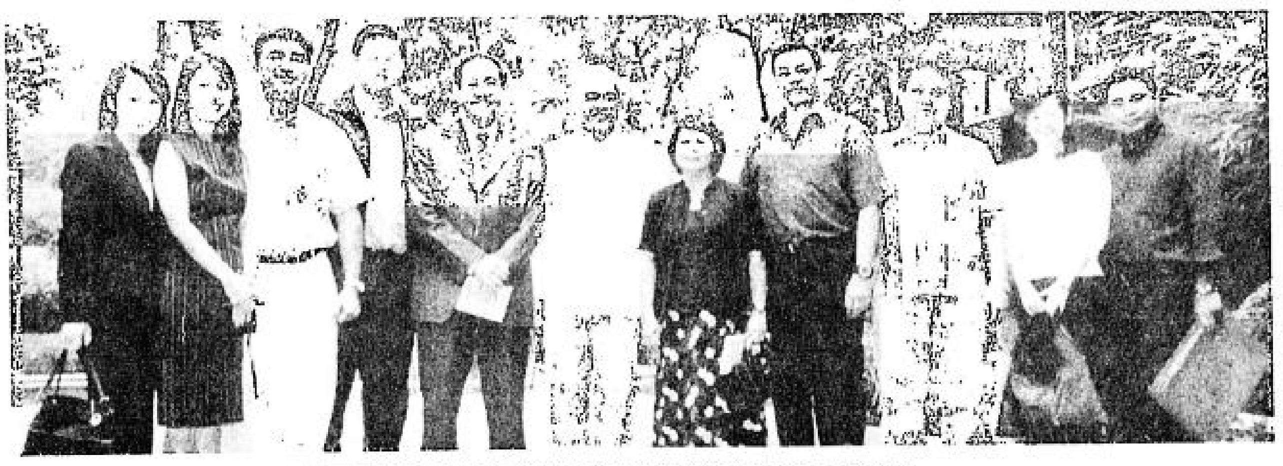

CPM SOCIETY OF THE PHILIPPINES HOLDS FIRST CEO BRIEFING

The CPM Society of the Philippines held its first CEO briefing on May 18, in Makati City. The CEO briefing is a monthly forum exclusively for Certified Professional Marketers (CPM). The theme for 2005 is 'Marketing as a CEO Agenda'. Hermawan Kartajaya, CEO of Mark Plus and a well-known marketing author and speaker from Indonesia, was the special guest. Kartajaya stressed the significance and growing importance of the Asean market to marketing practitioners in the region. Present in the CEO briefing were Certified Professional Marketers Donald Lim, president of Philippine Marketing Association and vice president for marketing of the Philippine Daily Inquirer; Nick Fontanilla, president of the CPM Society of the Philippines and CPM Asia; Julie Lim, immediate past president; VPs Ed Mapanao and lawyer Manjo Oyson; and Lt. Henry Seva. There are 21 certified professional marketers in the Philippines recognized by the Asia Pacific Marketing federation (APMF). APMF administers the certification exam for CPM in the Philippines through the Philippine Marketing Association twice a year. Applications for the September 2005 exam are now being processed. Interested marketing practitioners may call the Philippine Marketing Association, telephones 634-5722 and 636-1451, for information.

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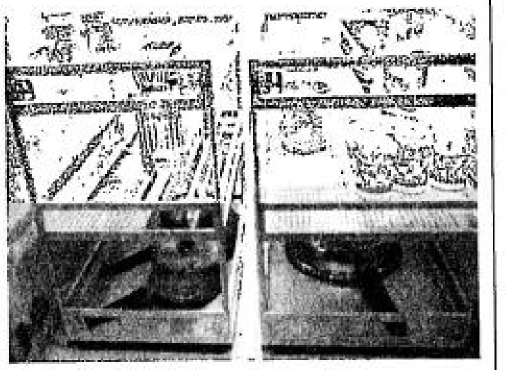
Give your kitchen an orderly look



GONE are the days of kitchen chaos. You may not have the widest space you want but it shouldn't stop you from getting organized in the kitchen. Now, Asiaco Enterprise International Corp gives you its newest innovation that will surely be a hit for those who enjoy their own kitchen. The new dish and utensil organizer is made of stainless steel and comes with a spillage tray for a non-messier look. You can also choose from two different designs: single or double-layer trays. There's a place for your dining utensils, a holder for plates, cups and saucers. And if you want a bigger tray, Asiaco recently launched the Innovatia 101 and 102, a three-layered aluminum steel organizer which will give dishes and utensils a more organized look. It also has smooth finished components, and is easy to clean. Asiaco Enterprises International Corp. has 21 years of expertise in innovating quality products for homes and offices. Other bestsellers include stainless steel and powder coated pullout wire baskets, pull-down hanging organizers, and kitchen accessories. Asiaco is an ISO 9001 quality certified company by TUV. It also offers free technical advice on kitchen and closet designs. Call up their customer service hotline at 744-1556 or send a message to 0920-9100936 or visit their showroom at 111 Lagmay St., Brgy. Balong Bato, San Juan Metro, Manila. Asiaco products are also available at different department stores.

RELAXING AMIDST THE FAST-PACED CITY AT THE LEGACY'S QUADRUPLEX HOMES

Montgomery Place townhouse units were launched a few years ago to offer a unique alternative to residents of the city whose daily living needs continue to evolve. Ayala Land, Inc's top-notch commitment to addressing those needs have resulted in quality town homes that have been well-received investments for urban dwellers. The success of Montgomery Place paved the way for another master-planned phase, The Legacy, which introduced attractive, single-detached houses to a new market. The pocket development sees its growing community flourish further with the recent unveiling of the Pelham Quadruplex, the model unit of which was recently blessed and opened for viewing. The Pelham Quadruplex model unit, skillfully designed by J. Anton Mendoza, is now open for viewing. The Legacy at Montgomery Place is located at E. Rodriguez, Sr., Avenue, Quezon City, conveniently situated near universities, business hubs and shopping and dining establishments. For further details on the newly launched units and payment schemes, please call 728-7000, log on to www.ayalaland.com.ph, or email ayala-sales@ayalaland.com.ph. Shown are the Ayala Land team posing in front of the recently-blessed Pelham Quadruplex model unit.

AWARDING OF CBLIC SPONSORSHIP

Photo shows the awarding of CBLIC sponsorship to Senen D. Glorioso, RBAP president. With him are the members of RBAP board of directors and CBLIC officers.

FOR CIVETS AND COCKATOOS

First Gen
First Gen Corporation and its employees
celebrate
International Biodiversity Day
in partnership with
Hands On Manila and MyZoo Group
Wildlife Rescue Center, Quezon City

First Generation Corporation (First Gen) implements the Animal Home Care project with Hands On Manila Foundation and My Zoo Volunteer Group at the Wildlife Rescue Center, Quezon City. Twenty volunteers took part in the day-long affair gathering dead leaves, twigs, and soil, cutting branches, drilling wooden blocks, to craft animal toys and nests for civet cats and cockatoos as My Zoo supervised the effort. The toys and nests furnished the new and bigger enclosures so the animals can roam more freely. The volunteers later witnessed the release of cockatoos into their new home. The participants were: First Gen - Ronnel Altamino, Baby Santiago, Melanie de Manzana, Ana Zapanta, Sheryll Barcinas, Rizza de Torres Joan Santiago, Iris, Alfanto, Jams Maqui, and Rey Laguda; and HOM - Tintin Clemente, Jennifer Padillo, Ma. Liza Tuazon, Khrstina Umali, Giovanni Pili, George Enrique, Joanne Torre Lavega, Karina Alfonzo, Leo Cabasag, Maryvee and Dea Agas, Dondon Marquez, and Lisa Crisostomo.

Summer trips and treats winners announced

AUTOMATIC Centre, the appliance authority since 1948, recently awarded the winners of its summer trips and treats promo by giving away several free trips for two to some of the country's most desirable tourist destinations. Magic Sing units, highly popular and well-loved by us music and fun-loving Filipinos, were also given away to lucky winners. The Magic Sing winners Andy Inting of Makati, Rodelo Bulusan of Malolos, Teresa Abbatuan of Quezon City and Mary Ann Endriga of Mandaluyong can look forward to enjoyable nights and days of music and laughter with family and friends with their new Magic Sing. Heading off to the crisp cool air of Banaue are: Arlene Valoria, Pasig City; Antonio Dagon, Malabon; and Thelma Torres of Bulacan City. Flying to sunny Bohol are: Villa Saralte, Manila; Roger Viray, Bulacan; and Vanessa Bitong, Manila. Summer trips and treats, done in cooperation with Avian travel and tours Inc, Annset Holidays Inc, Bay area Travel and Tours and Blue Horizons Travel and Tours is open to Automatic Centre and Sogo Home and office center customers who purchase any brand of air conditioner, chiller, freezer or refrigerator. The participating brands include: carrier, Condura, Haier, Fisher & Paykel, Kelvinator, Kolin, LG, Panasonic, Samsung, Sharp, Toshiba, Whirlpool, White Westinghouse and Magic. All these were ready for the taking through super installment for 12 months with any of the following credit cards: Bankcard, BDO, BPI, Citibank, Equitable, HSBC, Metrobank, Security bank and Standard Chartered. Plus 0 percent interest offers are available through major credit cards.

BITS Clips

Maubanog Festival

THIS year's Maubanog Festival in Mauban, Quezon promises to be the grandest celebration. From July 9 to 15, exciting activities have been lined up such a street party and concert, an agri fair and products exhibit, a local game and sports exhibition and a street décor competition. The festival will also celebrate the town's cultural heritage with more spectacular events such a cultural night, a street party concert, an amateur singing competition, a street-dancing competition, a Mauban benefit ball and soiree, a Mauban float and civic parade and a boat race competition. The festivities shall be capped with a grand awarding ceremonies and recognition rites on July 15 at the Mauban Gymnasium.

Creba holds confab, expo

THE CHAMBER of Real Estate and Builders Association (Creba) will hold this month the biggest exhibit in the country's real estate and construction history at the World Trade Center in Pasay City in a bid to give the economy the necessary push. True to its theme "Our World Under One Roof," Creba Expo 2005 will be held from July 27 to 30. To be held simultaneously with the expo, is the housing conference on July 27 and 28 at the Philippine Trade Training Center. The two-day affair at Philtrade will also host a job fair. A free seminar and public consultation will also be conducted during the exhibit from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on July 27, 28 and 29; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on July 30, the last day.

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CREBA EXPO 2005
OUR WORLD UNDER ONE ROOF

CREBA EXPO 2005

The Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Association (CREBA) will hold the country's first-ever Developer's Summit – CREBA Expo 2005 – carrying the theme *"Our World Under One Roof"*.

Over 500 developers, government agencies, local government units, schools, media outfits, banks, private and public financing institutions and suppliers and contractors will gather at the World Trade Center on July 27 to 30 to participate in the said event.

In support of the program, the Philippine Daily Inquirer will publish a special tabloid sized supplement dubbed as CREBA EXPO 2005 on *July 24, 2005.* This magazine, dedicated to the biggest exhibit in the country's real estate and construction industry, promises to provide maximum media mileage to you, our advertisers.

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MATERIAL DEADLINE : July 21, 2005

3. Circulation within Metro Manila
4. Free copies of the CREBA Magazine to be distributed on July 27-30, 2005 during CREBA Expo 2005 event proper
5. Insert on Inquirer's July 24, 2005 issue.

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Cultural Center of the Philippines

THE CULTURAL CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID ON

Name of Project	INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD
Brief Project Description	The CCP is opening for public bidding the installation and operation of an electronic billboard within the CCP complex on a monthly lease basis. The evaluation and approval of the proposals for the said billboard shall take into consideration the design and contents of the billboard which should be in harmony with the CCP's thrusts, the CCP Master Development Plan, and the financial components.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act."

All particulars relative to the eligibility, bid evaluation and award of contract shall be governed by the provisions of RA 9184

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the BAC Secretariat (c/o Cecilia E. Funtinilla) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below starting July 14, 2005 from 1.00 pm to 6:00 pm

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (P4,000.00). The method of payment will be in cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

The CCP BAC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on July 27, 2005, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm at the CCP Boardroom.

Bid and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on or before August 11, 2005. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of cash/certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit, or bank guarantee or surety bond. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Bid opening shall be on August 11, 2005 at 3:00 pm. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below

The CCP reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders

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3/F CCP Tanghalang Pambansa (CCP Main Building)
Roxas Blvd., Pasay City
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632-832-2511 local 1106-1107
Fax No. 632-551-5960
Website: www.culturalcenter.gov.ph

(Sgd.) NIEVES T. DULDULAO
BAC Chairperson

(PDI – July 10 & 17, 2005)

Cultural Center of the Philippines

THE CULTURAL CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES
wishes to announce its

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID ON

Name of Project	SALE OF TWO RESIDENTIAL LOTS
Brief Project Description	The properties for sale are the two (2) residential lots covered by Transfer Certificates of Titles (TCT) Nos. N-197838 and 197839, including the improvements thereon, located at Nos. 6 & 8, Kanlaon St., Barangay Sta. Teresita, Sta Mesa Heights, Quezon City, with an area of 800 square meter each or a total area of P1,600 square meters.
Minimum Bid Price	P32,610,000.00

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The CCP BAC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on July 27, 2005; 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm at the CCP Boardroom

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Bid opening shall be on August 10, 2005 at 2:00 pm. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

Award of the sale of the above properties shall be based on the best bid proposal received from the bidders

The Bidder shall be given every opportunity to investigate, inspect and verify the properties offered for sale to ascertain the actual conditions thereof as well as the status of the titles.

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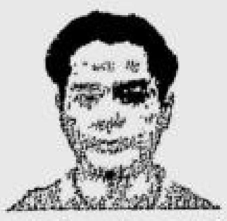

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Bids and Awards Committee

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Foreign Affairs-Bids and Awards Committee (DFA-BAC) is inviting interested bidders to apply for eligibility and bid for the :

A. CAR LEASE SERVICE CONTRACT (ABC – Php 21,528,000.00)
B. HEALTHCARE SERVICE CONTRACT (ABC – Php 31,000,000.00)

Interested bidders may acquire bid documents from 04 July – 15 July 2005, at the BAC Secretariat, Office of the Undersecretary for Administration, 12th Floor, DFA Bldg.. 2330 Roxas Blvd. Pasay City, (tel nos. 834-4066 and fax nos. 831-95-84), upon submission of Letter of Intent and payment of a non-refundable fee of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00) to the Cashier's Office, Office of Fiscal Management, 4th Floor, DFA Building, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. Applications for eligibility and bid evaluation shall use the non-discretionary "PASS/FAIL" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

ACTIVITY	CAR LEASE	HEALTHCARE
Pre-bid Conference	18 July 2005 (2:00 p.m.)	18 July 2005 (3:00 p.m.)
Last Day of Submission of Bid Requirements	01 August 2005 (2:00 p.m.)	01 August 2005 (2:00 p.m.)
Opening of Eligibility Requirements, Technical and Financial Proposals	01 August 2005 (2:30 p.m.)	01 August 2005 (3:00 p.m.)

DFA-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reasons and to waive any deficiencies and required formalities embodied therein. DFA-BAC assumes no obligations whatsoever to offset the expenses and/or losses the bidder may have incurred in the preparation of the bids. DFA-BAC further reserves the right to declare a failure of bid, and/or not to award the contract, and makes no assurances that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) FRANKLIN M. EBDALIN
Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs
Chairman, DFA-BAC

(PDI–July 3 & 10, 2005)

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Invitation to Bid

SpecOpS Laboratories at PEZA-registered software engineering company is inviting qualified software engineering companies to bid on the development of selected modules of the DAVID OS Platform.

Software engineering firms that wish to bid on this project must have the following skill sets: C++, Linux System, GUI Development on Linux, Object-Oriented Design, QT toolkit.

Deadline for pre-qualification is on July 12, 2005.

For further information contact: project@specopslabs.com

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LAND REFORM
Provincial Land Reform Office
San Francisco, Agusan del Sur

NOTICE OF COVERAGE AND FIELD INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 7 of R.A. 6657, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, landowners, listed below with their landholdings and location are hereby notified that their landholdings are now covered under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

LANDOWNER	LOCATION	TITLE NO.	LOT NO.	AREA	DATE OCULAR INSPECTION
1. La Purisima Agricultural Corporation	La Purisima Prosperidad	P-9817	SWO-10-000165	616.0500	August 15-19, 2005
2 Sta. Irene Agro Forest Development Corporation	Mabuhay Prosperidad	P-9814	SWO-10-000169/ Psd-100306-019078 (AR)	706.1901	August 22-26, 2005
3. Esperanza Agro Forest Development Corporation	Mabuhay, Prosperidad	P-9818	SWO-10-000165	864.4925	August 22-26, 2005
4. Prosperidad Agricultural Corporation	San Lorenzo, Prosperidad	T-14588	Bsd-13-000 598 (AR)	669.6693	August 15-19, 2005
5. Prosperidad Agricultural Corporation	San Lorenzo, Prosperidad	T-14587 598(AR)	Bsd-13-000	144.0947	August 15-19, 2005
	TOTAL			3,000.4966	

In this connection may we invite the landowners or their authorized representatives to a field investigation to be conducted on the date indicated herein. During the investigation, landholders may choose or pinpoint their retained area in accordance with Section 6 of R.A. 6657, which area should be more or less contiguous. Failure to attend said meeting or to choose retained area will mean that the office is given the discretion to identify the same.

Landowners are also advised to bring Statement of Production and Net Income on the said landholdings to be used as input in the determination of the land value.

Under Executive Order No. 405, dated 14 June 1990, we shall request the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) to determine the land value of the said properties being acquired pursuant to Section 17 of R.A. 6657. As soon as we received the Memorandum of Valuation from LBP, we shall advise the landowners of the computed land value of the properties.

(Sgd.) FE B. MERCADO
Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer II

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Republic of the Philippines
Province of Zambales
Municipality of Sta. Cruz
OFFICE OF THE BAC CHAIRMAN
Second Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project (ARCDP II)

INVITATION TO RE-BID

July 10, 2005
World Bank/IBRD Loan No. 7152-PH

The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of the ARCDP II and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the following contract located at the Barangay Tubo-Tubo North, Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Zambales. The Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as define in the Guideline: Procurement under IBRD Loan and IDA Credits.

The Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Zambales and Implementing partner of the DAR for ARCDP II invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Rehabilitation of 2.098 kms. Kuala ni Bandong Road under Contract No. RIRR 04 018 01 ESC-Z.

Project Duration : **120 Calendar Days**
Bidding Documents : **PHP 5,000.00**
Minimum Bid Security : **PhP 39,000.00**
Bid Closing Date : **August 9, 2005** Time **10:00 A.M.**

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS:

Item No.	Scope of Works	Quantity	Unit
10	Clearing and Grubbing	12,588.00	sq.m.
12	Roadway & Drainage Excavation	617.00	cu.m.
14	Embankment for Roadway	2,513.00	cu.m.
20	Aggregate Sub-base Course	1,259.00	cu.m.
21	Aggregate Base Course	1,259.00	cu.m.
50 (3)	Installation of 600mm. dia. RCPC	32.00	ln.m.
50 (4)	Installation of 900mm. dia. RCPC	6.00	ln.m.
50 (5)	Installation of 1,200mm. dia. RCPC	18.00	ln.m.
51	Grouted Riprap	140.00	cu.m.

Minimum Equipments Required

Bulldozer (1 unit)–owned; Road Roller Vibratory Compactor (9 ton min. 1 unit)–owned; Road Grader (1 unit)–owned; Loader (1 unit)–owned;Dump Truck (4 units)–owned; Backhoe (1 unit)-owned/leased; Water truck (1 unit)–owned; survey instruments-owned/leased.

A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by the interested bidders at the BAC Secretarial Office of the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Zambales starting July 11, 2005 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PhP 5,000.00 for each set. Pre-bid conference will be held in the same address on July 26, 2005 at 10:00 A.M.

Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by a security deposit of PhP 39,000.00 in form; **Cash, Certified Check, Manager's Check, Bank Guarantee**, on a free convertible currency, and shall be delivered to the BAC Secretariat Office, Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Zambales, on or before the Bid closing date on August 9, 2005 at 10:00 AM, at which time the Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.

The LGU-BAC ARCDPII of Sta. Cruz, Zambales reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or formality, assume no obligation whatsoever to compensate indemnity to the contractor/bidder for any expenses that they may incur in the preparation of bid and to accept the **lowest evaluated, responsive and complying bid.**

(Sgd.) **ENGR. DENNIS B. MARY**
Chairman. LGU BAC-ARCDPII

(PDI – July 10, 2005)

USAID
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PRISM
PRIVATE SECTOR MOBILIZATION FOR FAMILY PLANNING

The Private Sector Mobilization for Family Planning (PRISM), a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under contract number 492-C-00-04-00036-00 and implemented by a consortium led by Chemonics International, Inc. is soliciting offers for:

Qualitative Research on Consumer Motivation to Purchase Contraceptives in the Philippines

Background

The PRISM Project supports USAID/Philippines' Strategic Objective 3, desired family size and improved health sustainably achieved, focusing on three components: 1) increased workplace support for family planning (FP) services and referrals, 2) establishment of viable, mass market brands of hormonal contraceptives, and 3) increased business value of FP among private practice providers.

The Market Development Component (Component 2) of the project is intended to increase recognition of business opportunities in the hormonal FP commodities market in the Philippines and to motivate businesses to take advantage of those opportunities.

The objective of this procurement is to solicit responsive offers from qualified, responsible Philippine-based research companies/firms, research foundations, or non-government organizations (hereafter referred to as "Offerors") for the conduct of Qualitative Research on Consumer Motivation to Purchase Contraceptives in the Philippines. The research study seeks to:

a) probe into the knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, practices and perceptions of consumers that affect their decision to purchase (or not purchase) pills and injectables; and
b) explore possible factors that could inhibit or encourage the consumer purchase of pills and injectables.

Qualification Requirements

- If a non-US or non-Filipino *firm is selected for award, the firm must meet specific criteria for PRISM to obtain a source and origin waiver from USAID.* Information on these criteria are available upon request.
- Must have a team of qualified personnel to manage and execute the project and have the resources to launch, distribute and market the product;
- Must be in operation for the past 5 years.

For a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP), please get in touch with Ms. Vivien S. Cabanban, Subcontracts Specialist at (02) 490-0060 to 65 or 635-2397. You may also email: contracts@prism.org.ph.

The deadline for submission of proposals is on or before 11:00 A.M, July 29, 2005.

Questions on RFP must be submitted on or before July 14, 2005. The responses will be discussed during the bidders' conference. **The Bidders' Conference is scheduled on July 20, 2005 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the PRISM Office, 23rd Floor, Wynsum Corporate Plaza, 22 F. Ortigas Jr. Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.**

Republic of the Philippines
NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION
Office of the Management Team

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The National Electrification Administration (NEA) through its Management Team Office is inviting bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the supply of **labor and materials** for the **construction of a MULTI-PURPOSE GYM at NMT Main Headquarters in San Leonardo, Nueva Ecija.**

Deadline for submission of company profile, pre-bid Conference and site inspection will be on **July 15, 2005** at exactly **10:00 a.m.** Bidding proper will be announced during the Pre-Bid Conference.

NMT reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive defect or informality therein, or accept any bid or offer which it may consider to be advantageous and beneficial to NMT.

(Sgd.) Engr. FRANK T. WY
PBAC Chairman
Cell No.: 0917-566-9519 / 0920-910-9960

Noted by:
(Sgd.) Mr. RAMON M. DE VERA
Chief Executive Officer

(PDI – July 10 & 17 2005)

Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corporation
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
ITB NO.: 05-44-2005

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

Name of Project : One (1) Lot Janitorial Service for Casino Filipino-Hyatt Required Personnel: 46 Janitors
Contract Duration : Two (2) years
Approved Budget : Fourteen Million Three Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Two and 08/100 (P14,332,702.08)
Source of Fund : Internally Funded

Only contractors duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered contractors must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila, Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the **Bid Documents** available for issuance **from July 1, 2005 to July 25, 2005** at the BBAC Secretariat, Branch Procurement and Property Office, Casino Filipino-Hyatt, Pedro Gil cor. Mabini Sts., Malate, Manila upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty Six & 35/100 Pesos (Php 7,166.35).*** In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the Branch Procurement and Property Office, CF-Hyatt.

The schedule of Activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	*Schedule*
Pre-Bid Conference	July 13, 2005 (10am)
Submission of Bids	July 26, 2005 (2pm)
Opening of Bids	July 26, 2005 (2pm onwards)

VENUE: Casino Filipino – Hyatt, Pedro Gil cor. Mabini Sts., Malate, Manila

PAGCOR reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a path thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

PAGCOR reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract if there is *prima facie* evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employees of the agency, or between the BBAC and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition, or if the BBAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures, or for any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government (R.A. 9184, Sec. 41).

Please address all communications to the Branch Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat, Casino Filipino–Hyatt.

(Sgd) HILARIO T. MANALIGOD
BBAC Chairperson, Casino Filipino-Hyatt

(PDI - July 3 & 10 2005)

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PRISM
PRIVATE SECTOR MOBILIZATION FOR FAMILY PLANNING

REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The Private Sector Mobilization for Family Planning (PRISM), a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under contract number 492-C-00-04-00036-00 and implemented by a consortium led by Chemonics International Inc., is soliciting applications for the following grant objectives:

(1) **Establishment and maintenance of workplace family planning program [Code : RFA # 2005-01-01]**

(2) **Marketing medium/low-priced contraceptive brands in the Philippines [Code : RFA 3 2005-02-01]**

Grand funding will be provided to successful applications in accordance with the standard USAID policies. Applicants are advised to take note of the specific RFA code pertaining to the grant objective they are interested in applying for.

This solicitation is open to non-government organizations as well as private sector for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. Specific eligibility requirements are indicated in the Request for Applications (RFA) document.

Applicants interested in getting the full details of these solicitations can request for copies of the full RFA document from **grants@prism.org.ph**. Likewise, the RFAs can be downloaded in PDF format from **http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/PRISMGrants/**. The closing date for the submission of applications for the two RFAs are:

RFA #2005-01-01 – 5:00 pm, August 9, 2005

RFA #2005-02-01 – 5:00 pm, August 12, 2005.

Grant Applicants' Conference is scheduled on July 15, 2005 at 10 am (RFA 2005-01-01) and July 22, 2005 also at 10 am (RFA 2005-02-01). The Conference will be held at the PRISM office located at 23/F Wynsum Corporate Plaza, F. Ortigas Jr. Road (formerly Emerald Avenue), Ortigas Center.

For further details, please contact Ms. Ces Pangilinan, Grants Manager at email address: **grants@prism.org.ph**

Republic of the Philippines
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
General Santos City

INVITATION TO ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The City Government of General Santos hereby invites interested bidders/suppliers registered by the G-EPS and accredited supplier of General Santos City for Eligibility and to Bid for the following projects/proposals:

Various Agricultural Supplies P386,670.25, Various Office Supplies P1,122,461.45, Various supplies/materials for the repair and maintenance of buildings / roads P2,180,569.83, Heavy Equipment P6,300,000.00, IT Equipment & Software P6,113,812.00, Various Vehicle P3,940,000,00.

Issuance of Bid Documents		July 11, 2005 (BAC Office, 2nd flr. Right wing, City Hall, GSC)
Pre-Bidding Conference		July 12, 2005, 2:00 PM, City Mayor's Conference Room
Dropping of Bids	–	July 26, 2005, 10:00 AM, BAC Office
Opening of Bids	–	July 26, 2005, 10:00 AM, City Mayor's Conference Room

Various Medical Equipments P3,419,500.00 – Dropping & Opening of Bids – Aug. 16, 2005, 10:00 AM, BAC Office

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria Post qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

Official copies of the Bidding documents shall be available to those who are interested to participate upon payment of the bid documents.

Bidders are required to submit an audited financial statements duly stamped "received" by the BIR or its duly accredited and authorized institution pursuant to circular no. 01-2004 of GPPB.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

The City Government assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid and also reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract in situations set forth in Section 41 of the IRR-A of R.A. 9184.

(Sgd.) **RODRIGO O. SALANGSANG**
BAC Chairman

(PDI–July 3 & 10, 2005)

Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corporation
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
ITB NO.: 06-57-2005

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

Name of Project : One (1) lot Janitorial Service – Casino Filipino Silahis Required Personnel: 78 Janitors
Contract Duration : One (1) year
Approved Budget : Eleven Million Five Hundred Thirty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Seven & 08/100 Pesos (P11,534,857.08)
Source of Fund : Internally Funded

Only contractors duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered contractors must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita Manila., Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the Bid Documents available for issuance **from July 1, 2005 to July 22, 2005** at the Branch Procurement and Property Office, Casino Filipino-Silahis, 2nd Flr. Grand Boulevard Hotel, 1990 Roxas Blvd., Manila upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Seven & 43/100 Pesos (Php 5,767.43).*** In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the Senior Branch Procurement and Property Officer.

The schedule of Activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	*Schedule*
Pre-Bid Conference	July 12, 2005 (10am)
Submission of Bids	July 25, 2005 (2pm)
Opening of Bids	July 25, 2005 (2pm onwards)

VENUE: Casino Filipino – Silahis, Grand Boulevard Hotel, 1990 Roxas Blvd., Manila

PAGCOR reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a path thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

PAGCOR reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract if there is *prima facie* evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employees of the agency, or between the BBAC and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition, or if the BBAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures, or for any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government (R.A. 9184, Sec. 41).

Please address all communications to the Branch Bids and Awards Committee, Casino Filipino-Silahis, 2nd Flr., Grand Boulevard Hotel, 1990 Roxas Blvd., Manila.

(Sgd) AIDA V. TOBIAS
BBAC Chairperson, CF-Silahis

(PDI - July 3 & 10 2005)

DUTY FREE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

DUTY FREE PHILIPPINES, a division of the Philippine Tourism Authority invites interested contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for:

DFP 2005 SECURITY SERVICES

CONTRACTS	APPROVED BUDGET OF CONTRACT
Security Services for Area I (New Fiestamall – Store and Forward Warehouse/NAIA II)	P 14.60 M
Security Services for Area II (ERA Bldg., and NFM Perimeter/ Integrated Warehouse)	P 13.95 M
Security Services for Area III (NAIA I/Cebu Mactan/Cebu Lahug)	P 10.33 M

The prospective Security agency should be:

1 Duly licensed by Philippine National Police (Regular License to Operate) for at least three (3) years;
2. Has an office in Metro Manila;
3. At least two (2) years experience within the last five (5) years in providing security services in any reputable retail establishments engaged in mall operations, with an annual gross receipts of not less than Php2.5B based on 2003 sales with a contract price of Php7M (annual);
4. Minimum number of three hundred (300) licensed guards on active duty.
5. With at least one hundred (100) licensed firearms (i.e. shotgun, caliber .38 revolver, 9mm pistol);
6. Licensed by the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) to operate radio communications facilities with a minimum number of one hundred (100) radio transceivers and five (5) base units;
7 Owns or its shareholder/s owns shares in a private security training school/center duly accredited by the PNP-SAGSD, or has an authority to conduct in-service training issued by PNP, or currently in agreement with the duly accredited security training school/center within Metro Manila;
8. Complying with the BIR and SSS rules and regulations, and labor laws and standards.

The Approved Budget of the Contract is chargeable against DFP Corporate Fund. The contract duration is one (1) year

Interested bidders may obtain a complete set of bidding documents from the Purchasing Department, Duty Free Philippines, EHA Bldg., N. Aquino Avenue, Parañaque City on July 25 & 26, 2005, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) in the form of cash. Pre-bid Conference is scheduled on August 4, 2005, Thursday at 1:00 PM, EHA 3rd floor Conference Room. Submission and opening of bids and eligibility check shall be on August 16, 2005, Tuesday at 9:00 AM. Bids submitted after the deadline shall not be accepted. All applicants shall be notified on the results of the eligibility check

Eligible security agency/ies may bid in all contract. However, only one (1) contract shall be awarded to the bidder. Therefore, bidders are required to clearly mark and/or indicate the order of preference described in the Bid Forms 1, 2 & 3. Failure to do so, shall mean outright rejection of the bid by the BAC

Unless otherwise indicated in the Instruction to Bidders or other bidding and contract documents, all particulars relative to the procurement and contract implementation shall be governed by R.A 9184 and its implementing rules and regulations.

Duty Free Philippines reserves the right to waive any formality on the eligibility requirements of this project. Furthermore, DFP reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered as a result of this invitation, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder/s.

(Sgd.) **MA. LOURDES D. VELARDE**
Chairman
Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI–July 10 & 17, 2005)

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION

July 06, 2005

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND BID

The National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation (NHMFC) located at Filomena Bldg., 110 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City is inviting interested parties to prequalify and participate in the forthcoming public bidding for the supply of goods and services, migration of Oracle Database version 8.0.6, Oracle Financials, and NHMFC – Accounts Management System to the latest version of Oracle Database/Financials for the implementation of NHMFC Computerization Upgrade Project, to wit:

1. 163 units Personal Computer
2. 1 unit PC Server
3. 1 unit Laptop Computer
4. 2 units Mid-Range Database Server
5. 1 unit Desk Jet Printer
6. 111 units Dot Matrix Printers
7. 2 units AVR/UPS for Server
8. 150 units AVR/UPS for PCs
9. 7 units 1,000 watts AVR/UPS

Prequalification documents may be obtained from the IT-BAC Secretariat during the office hours from July 20 – 22, 2005. Submission of prequalification documents is from July 27 – 29, 2005. Prospective bidders shall be advised in due course of the results of their application for the prequalification.

Only bidders who are prequalified can get copies of the Terms of Reference (TOR) upon payment of the non-refundable amount of Seven Thousand Pesos (P7,000.00) and can participate in the bidding The pre-bid conference, submission and opening of bids shall be announced later.

The NHMFC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, disqualify any bidder or to accept bids as may be considered most advantageous to the Corporation or annul the bidding process anytime prior to the award of the bid without incurring any liability to the affected bidders or stating the grounds for NHMFC action.

For further information/clarification on the above matters, please contact Ms. Loida Raymundo or Ms. Moi Velasco at tel. no. 817-6021

(Sgd.) **ATTY. FERMIN T. ARZAGA**
Chairman - ITBAC

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Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Printing, Packaging & Storing of Teachers' Test Booklets in Elementary & Secondary Science & Math, and Printing & Delivery of Non-Classified materials

1. The National Educational Testing and Research Center (NETRC) of the Department of Education (DepED), through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) is inviting suppliers and printers to apply for eligiblity and to bid for the following packages:

PACKAGE NO.	GOODS	APPROVED BUDGET PER PACKAGE
1	Printing, Packaging & Storing of Teachers' Test Booklets in Elementary & Secondary Science & Math	3,840,000.00
2.	Printing, Packaging & Delivery of Non-Classified Materials	200,000.00
	Total	PhP 4,040,000.00

Bids received in excess of the approved budget per package shall be rejected. The total Approved Budget of the Contract (ABC) is **PHILIPPINE PESOS FOUR MILLION FORTY THOUSAND & 00/100 ONLY (PhP4,040,000.00)**

2. The DepED now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Printing, Packaging & Storing of GOODS. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in Section II, Instructions to Bidders, of the Bidding Documents.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 9184 known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted to organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interests or outstanding capital stocks belonging to citizens of the Philippines, as specified in R.A. 5183. Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II, Instruction to Bidders of the Bidding Documents.
4. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders starting on July 4 until July 14, 2005 at the BAC Secretariat Office, 5th Floor, Mabini Building, DepED Complex, Pasig City, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Philippine Pesos Two Thousand & 00/100 only (PhP2,000.00)**. Information is also available at ***http://www.deped.gov.ph*** or ***www.procurementservice.org.*** The BAC Secretariat could be reached through Tel. No. 636-6543 or Fax No. 636-6542.
5. The DepED BAC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on **July 15, 2005, 10:00 a.m. at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Complex, Pasig City.**
6. Bids must be received on or before **July 27, 2005, 10:00 a.m. at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.** Late bids shall be rejected.
7. The DepED BAC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected parties.

(Sgd.) **JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ**
Undersecretary and BAC Chairman

(PDI–July 3 & 10, 2005)

PHILAM LIFE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT **MRS. DIANA D. QUINTO** WHOSE PICTURE AND ADDRESS APPEAR BELOW HAS CEASED TO REPRESENT THE PHILIPPINE AMERICAN LIFE AND GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY IN ANY CAPACITY WHATSOEVER IN VIEW OF THE EXPIRATION OF HER AGENCY CONTRACT LAST JUNE 30, 2002.

MRS. DIANA D. QUINTO
Area 2 Phase 3-D, B 10 L7, Kaunlaran Vill., D. Dagatan, Kalookan City

ANY TRANSACTION MADE OR ENTERED INTO BY THIS PERSON FOR AND IN BEHALF OF OUR COMPANY AFTER JUNE 30, 2002 IS NOT VALID AND WILL NOT BE HONORED BY US.

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AUDITOR

Qualifications:

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- At least 3 years auditing experience
- At least 1 year supervisory / management experience
- Knowledge of Gen. Accounting & Auditing Principles & Procedures
- Knowledge of Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing
- Knowledge of Financial Data Analysis, Taxation & Labor Laws
- Analytical Skills, Team Player
- Can promote & implement appropriate process improvements, leadership skills

Responsibilities:

- Performs audit procedure, organizes working papers and communicate reports based on results of audit examinations
- Responsible for assisting in identifying risk, evaluating controls and preparing audit plans/programs

RESEARCH SECTION HEAD

Qualifications:

- College graduate
- 2 years experience in related or similar job
- 2 years management experience
- Computer skills (Windows, Word, Netscape, Explorer, Excel, Corel Draw, Powerpoint)
- Interpersonal Management / Team Building skills, analytical skills, follow through skills
- Familiar with publishing industry

Responsibilities:

- Supervises the day to day operations of the Research Section by overseeing the gathering of statistics, reports, backgrounds and other reference materials requested by the Editorial and the writing of special reports and packaged information for publication

CREDIT CLERK

Qualifications:

- College graduate with background in Finance or Accounting
- Preferably with office experience

Responsibilities:

- Assists the Credit Assistants in facilitating credit approval of all advertisements that includes ads through agencies, direct clients and others

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE – ADVERTISING

Qualifications:

- College graduate preferably Marketing or any Business course
- Knowledge in basic computer operations
- Interpersonal skills, Report Writing skills, Presentation skills, Filing skills, Communication skills

Responsibility:

- Responsible for establishing and maintaining relationships with clients and ad agencies with the end view of soliciting ad placement to meet overall sales quota.

GRAPHIC ARTIST

Responsibilities:

- College graduate preferably Fine Arts
- With background in Computer, Photoshop, Pagemaker, CorelDraw
- Knowledgeable in manual and computer based illustration, page design and artwork skills
- 1 year experience as Graphic Artist

PERSONNEL ASSISTANT

Qualifications:

- Graduate of Psychology or Behavioral Science
- At least 2 years experience in recruitment and selection
- Familiar with psychological tests
- Knows how to use office software
- Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Analytical Skills, Report Writing Skills

Responsibilities:

- To provide recruitment, selection and employment services and maintain an HR Information System

ACCOUNTING STAFF

Qualifications:

- College graduate major in Accounting
- 1 year experience in this job or other similar jobs
- Knowledge of basic accounting principles
- Knowledge basic computer operation
- Accounting skills, Report Writing skills, Ability to prepare check, Interpersonal skills, Filing skills

Send your application letter and comprehensive resumé or e-mail to:
HR MANAGEMENT SERVICES HEAD
Philippine Daily Inquirer
Chino Roces Avenue (formerly Pasong Tamo)
Corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati City
E-mail: recruitment@inquirer.com.ph

A call for an objective assessment of PGMA through competency profiling

OUR country is at a critical crossroad.......and the decisions we make can either help move us forward or bring us to the brink of political turmoil, greater polarization, violence and the eventual destruction of our democratic institutions. It is a time for decisive action but one guided by reasoned discernment and sobriety.

We, as members of the Board of Directors of the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines, believe that in the midst of the political noise and the crisis this has generated, we need to process the facts from propaganda, make clear our criteria for arriving at our conclusions and decisions and highlight the end-criterion of the "higher public good". We believe that our decisions and subsequent actions should be guided by the following principles: Faith in and strict adherence to our Constitution and the rule of law; Our public officials should be held personally accountable for their actions for the public faith and trust entrusted them by our people; Our people must have facts and not half-truths and propaganda materials so that their decisions are made based on these facts evaluated against a set of clear criteria

About a year ago, our association conducted a study on the competency profile required for the top leader and chief executive of our country. These competencies are: 1. Navigator/Strategist – one who steers the ship of state to arrive at the "destination" of a just and humane society; 2. Mobilizer – one who leads the executive department and proactively builds alliances with concerned sectors to achieve complex objectives and build consensus; 3. Servant Leader – one who serves the people with a genuinely caring heart and is a good example for all to emulate and follow; 4. Captivator – one who inspires unity, trust, and optimism among the people; moves people away from cynicism; and builds trust in the presidency and the government; and 5. Guardian of National Wealth, Patrimony, and Law and Order – one who ensures that the national wealth resources are used properly; demonstrates strong political will; champions the fight against graft and corruption; ensures a level playing field; promotes competence and professionalism; and uphold the rule of law.

We encourage everyone of us to think through these competencies as part of the internal decision making process as we look at our national leadership and the options open to us in the coming days. It is imperative that we assess the overall level of competence of the national leadership; manifested in a time where this is being questioned, not only in the country but everywhere in the world where there are Filipinos.

Let these competencies give direction to all the right things that a national leader must have and live with. This is a powerful force for protecting and guiding our way of life.

Again, we appeal for sobriety, a careful examination of the facts, concern for the higher common good and actions within the framework of our constitutional system.

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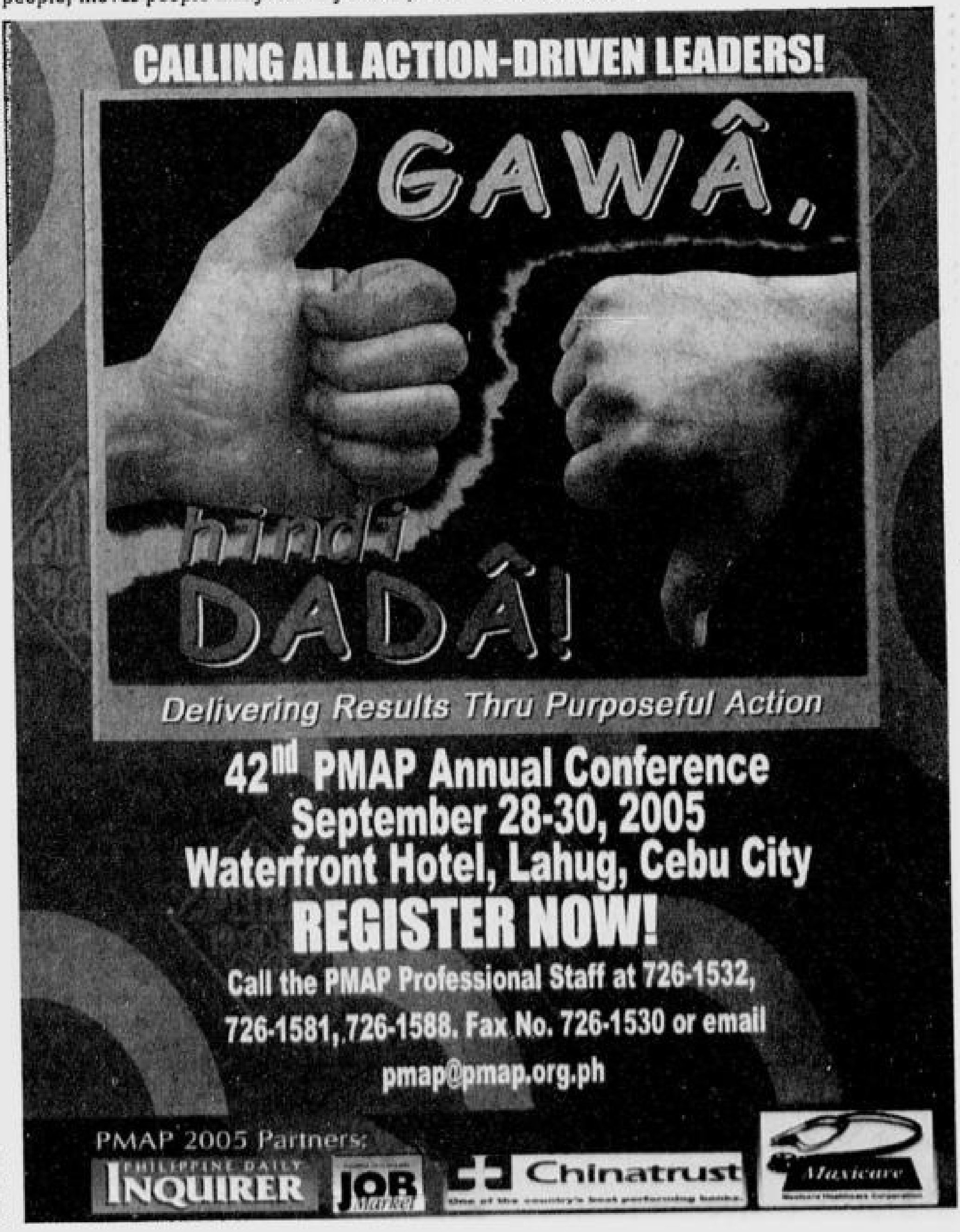

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Her remains lie in state at the Sanctuario de San Antonio Church, Forbes Park, Makati City.

Interment will be on Thursday, July 14, 2005 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque City after the celebration of the 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at the Sanctuario de San Antonio Church, Forbes Park, Makati City.

"Yet though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
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Psalm 23:4

Message of thanks

We, the family of the late

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sincerely convey our deepest gratitude for the immeasurable ways you have shown your love and support – for the prayers offered, the flowers sent, the messages of sympathy, the help extended.

Thank you.

MARCELO A. ALCUDIA

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Her remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz-Sucat (inside Manila Memorial Park), Parañaque City.

Interment today, Sunday, July 10, 2005 at 12 Noon at the Heritage Park, Fort Bonifacio.

LEOCADIO M. MANUEL

Now peacefully in the infinite Grace and Goodness of the Lord on the 6th of July 2005.

His bereaved sister **Soledad M. Manuel**, brother **Atty. Jorge M. Manuel**, sister **Amparo** (†), Brother **Manny** (†) and sister-in-law **Fannie**, nephew and nieces, Aunt **Nena**, cousins, relatives and friends request everyone to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Mortuary of Barangay Marilag Multi-purpose Hall at P. Tuazon Ave., Proj. 4, Quezon City (in front of Proj. 4 Public Market).

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to join them in their prayers.

Holy Masses will be offered on July 10, 2005 at the following churches:

Shrine of Mary-Our Lady of EDSA Ortigas, Pasig	3:00 pm
Sto. Niño de Paz-Greenbelt Chapel Ayala Center, Makati	7:15am & 5:45pm
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Santo Rosario Church	7:00 A.M.	Santuario de San Antonio	6:00 P.M.
Redemptorist Church	7:00 A.M.	Santuario de San Jose	7:15 A.M.
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Basilica del Sto. Niño	8:00 A.M.	Christ the King Church Green Meadows, Quezon City	7:00 A.M.
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***Please join his family and friends in prayer
for his eternal happiness.***

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First Death Anniversary

WILHELMINA CRUZ JOAQUIN

May 29, 1951 – July 10, 2004

*Eucharistic celebration
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Sanctuario de San Antonio, Forbes, Makati City	10:30 AM
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Manila Cathedral, Arzobispo Manila	6:00 PM
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St. John Bosco Parish, Makati City	8:15 PM

We, her family, extend our deepest gratitude to those who have offered prayers for the eternal repose of the soul of our beloved Hely.

With love and gratitude
We remember "Mommy" on her
1st Death Anniversary

MERCEDES DE VERA PADAMA

Assistant Division Chief Librarian, TNL
of Mangatarem, Pangasinan
who passed away in Texas, USA on July 10, 2004

Holy Masses have been offered in her memory and that of our Dad, Danderico G. Padama in the following churches:

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Thank you for your prayers and well wishes

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Helping Filipinos' dreams (to study abroad) come true

By Alexa H. Bacay

EDUCATION has been described as a treasure a person can possess that can never be stolen. With the economic slump and the crisis that the country is experiencing now, it is surprising to know that many are still willing to spend huge sums just to study abroad.

YEPS
Young Entrepreneurs

"I think it's everybody's dream," said 21-year-old Christian Miranda, who believes that the Filipinos deserve the best kind of education that they can have.

A freshman at the Center for International Education (CIE), he set up a consulting firm that would assist students to get into any university in the US and the UK.

The business came to mind when a high school friend of his came back to the country after studying Nuclear Biosciences in the University of Manchester. According to Christian, this opened a door for him to learn how international education really works.

He then sent out applications to the University of Manchester, University of Durham, University of Leeds and Cambridge University. Only Cambridge did not accept him because he failed to meet the submission deadline.

"But then I wasn't informed that I should have money," he said. There was no scholarship for him so he didn't go to UK.

CHRISTIAN Miranda believes that every Filipino deserves the best education he can possibly have.

Ambassadors

In February, he formally set up the Embassy of Foreign Universities, wherein he assembled a group of 50 consultants he calls "ambassadors," who guide his clients through the application process in foreign universities.

The ambassadors are Filipinos who graduated abroad, and who chose to come back to the country to help other students fulfill their dreams.

Christian said that his clients will have consultations with a psychologist, who would look into and help decide what course or program to take. Through this talk, the Embassy would also be able to prevent a prospective client's real intention of working abroad in the guise of pursuing further studies.

"The first encounter is a chat. So we would gain the knowledge about what this person is about, and who this person is," said Christian. "I think that is what we'll soon be basing our company—on personal encounters."

He said that through the first encounter, they would also be able to feel what the chances of the prospective client would be.

"We would be as honest as possible [if the need arises]. I mean we would tell the client, 'You know, you will not get to Harvard,'" said Christian. "We will not give false expectations. That's the No. 1 rule. We don't want to make an illusion out of that."

Applications

The clients though, can apply to as many universities as they want in the United States, but only up to six in the UK. Christian's company will assist in the review for examinations like IELTS, SATs and GMAT. Then, the embassy will be responsible for submitting the applications, and when the client passes, they will also assist with the passport, travel and visa applications.

If the client gets through entrance exams and decides to go for it, Christian's company will give a pre-departure orientation, which will give them a feel of the university they've chosen. There are one-hour meetings per month with the respective ambassador for the school they've chosen.

Christian said that they will also assist in finding a scholarship grant for the client who would need it.

"That's one of the prime concerns of my company, we would like to give the opportunity for Filipinos who do not have the capacity to pay and they have the capability to actually pass. Actually we would also serve as a venue for companies to also give scholarships," he explained.

Christian said that if the ambassador sees that the client is really good, they would give recommendation letters for the university they're applying to. Some schools abroad give weight to recommendation letters endorsed by their alumni.

Lack of funds

When asked if universities in the country can compete with these foreign schools, Christian answered, "Sadly, no. It is my regret that no, we can not—because currently we don't have the funds to actually compete. Like Harvard has an endowment of $28.5 billion a year. It does not even include what they earn from the tuition fees. So how can we compete from that level *palang*?

"If we had that kind of money you can employ the best people in the world, we can have the best computers, we can have the best facilities."

Christian related that when his friend came back to the country, she wasn't talking about the curriculum nor the exams of the school she studied in. Rather, she told him about the experience, the places she went to, the people she interacted with. And these stories led Christian to think that it is important to see what it's really like abroad and bringing that experience to the Philippines.

"No, it's not colonial mentality," he said. "I think it's being open, it's being global. And I think that is the way to go. Being global at the same time retaining the spirit of being a Filipino."

Christian said that in a few years' time, if his grades would permit him, he would want to go to Harvard one day. "And then I would come back."

$700 to apply

It would cost a client $700 or P57,800 to apply in the Embassy of Foreign Universities. Compared with other consulting firms, Christian's is still moderately priced. But there is no guarantee of admission. The exams to be taken are entirely on the client's ability to pass. What the embassy would do is increase the chances of passing with the help of their rigorous review and monthly consultations with the ambassadors.

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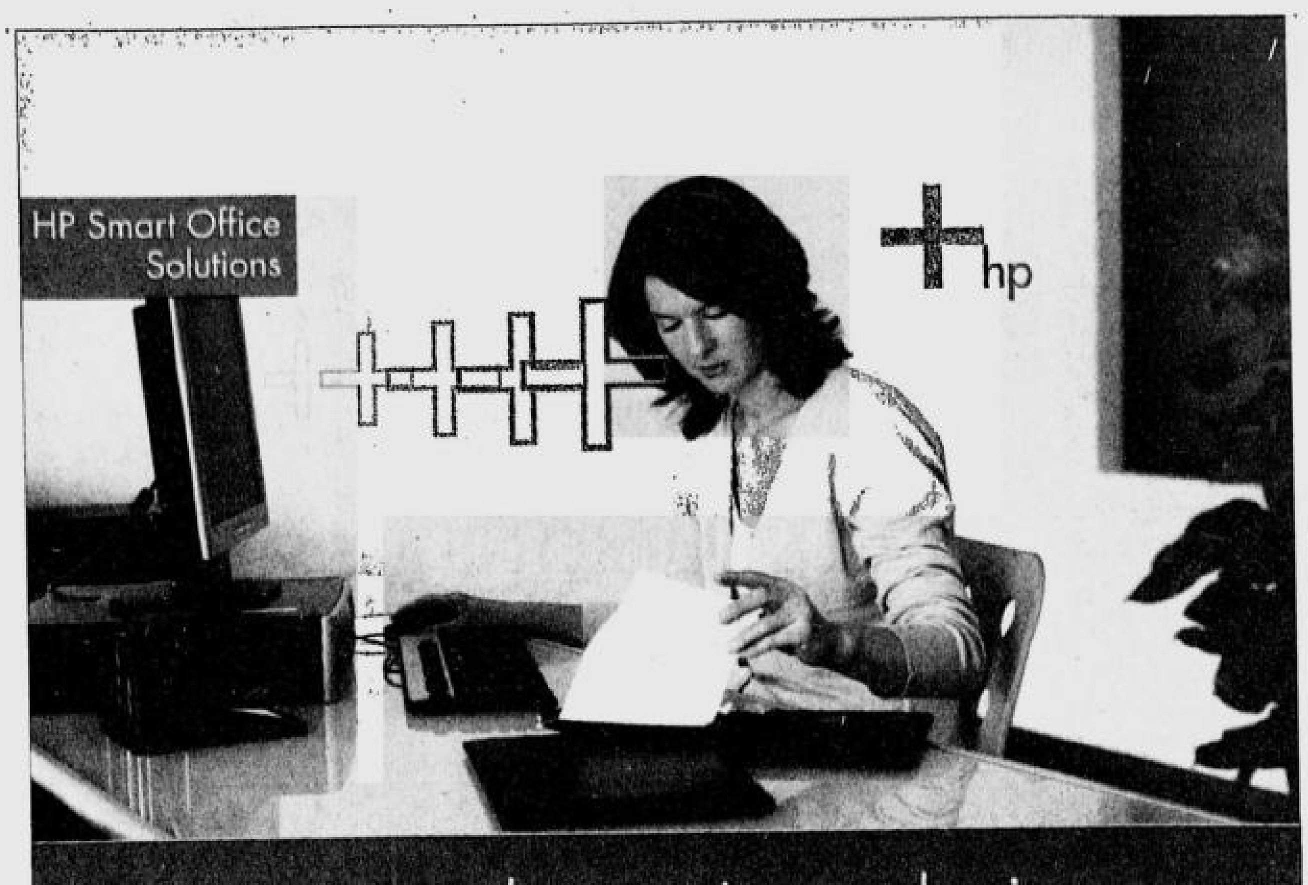

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Editor Chelo Banal-Formoso

BROWN round-table cabinet with drawers of cypress wood from China can fold into a half-moon console table.

The multiplier effect in home décor

'Re-purposing' seeks different uses for furniture

HOME design has dramatically evolved. It's no longer just a question of aesthetics but also of flexibility and cost. Whether a home is big or small, the budget limited or generous, it is always a welcome treat to be able to use and reuse an item in the home.

Anna Marie Periquet of Anna Marie Home calls the new trend "re-purposing."

"I love it when a piece of furniture can take on different personalities," says Periquet. "Since space is now a premium in most homes, it is best when we can make few items work harder by doubling or even tripling their use."

Periquet travels around Asia to find the right pieces for Philippine homes. "We have armoires that are perfect for big spaces. However, we also have pieces that will fit a condo or townhouse."

In her showroom at 38 Jupiter and Planet Streets, Bel-Air Village, Makati City, cabinets, trunks and tables are magically made over into pieces providing other uses.

A brown bitter litchi wine cabinet from China can be transformed into a linen closet or even an entertainment center. Its removable wooden wine rack can hold 45 wine bottles. Once the rack is taken out, the piece can hold a wide-screen TV, instantly becoming an elegant entertainment center. In the bedroom, the cabinet offers neat storage for linens, pillows, comforters and the like, its drawers and compartments on its lower half serving as more storage space.

Another unique item is a round cypress wood table. At first glance, it is a compact dining table for four. On closer look, it can be folded into a half-moon console table, or fold both sides it turns into a slim piece of furniture that can be placed against the wall. The table also has two drawers for additional storage.

Periquet believes the key to a beautiful home is rethinking the way you live: "Finding new and multiple uses for your favorite things borrows from the principles of the barely-furnished households of the East. We should try to free ourselves of anything we no longer use or those we do not really love."

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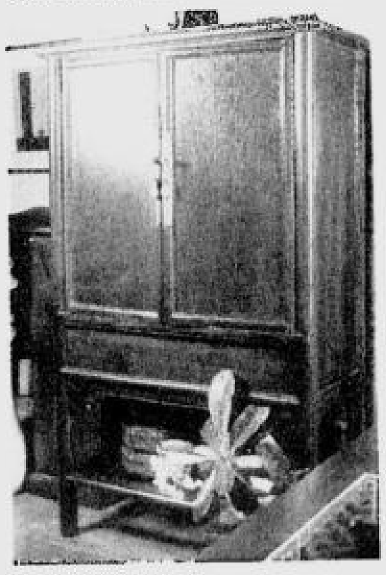
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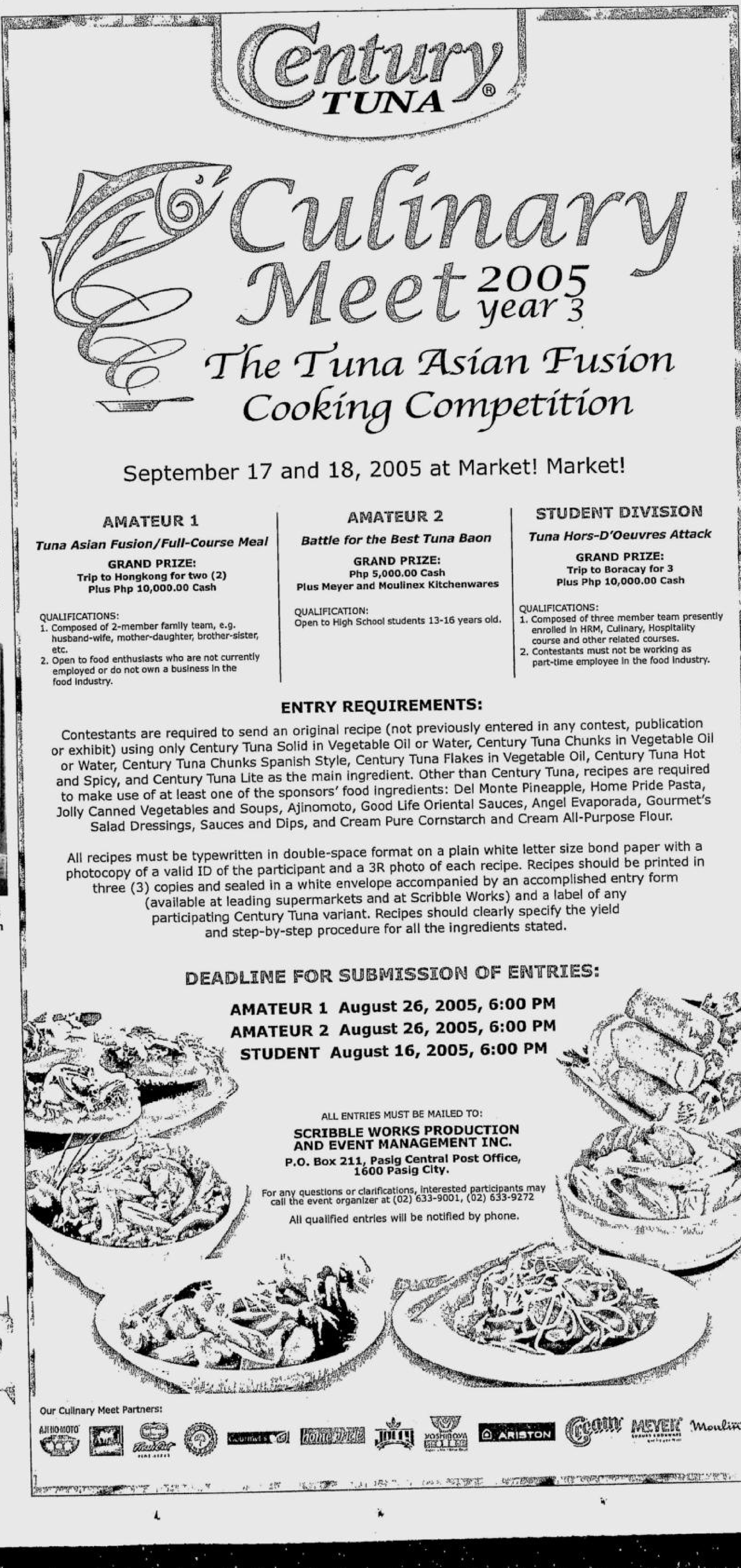
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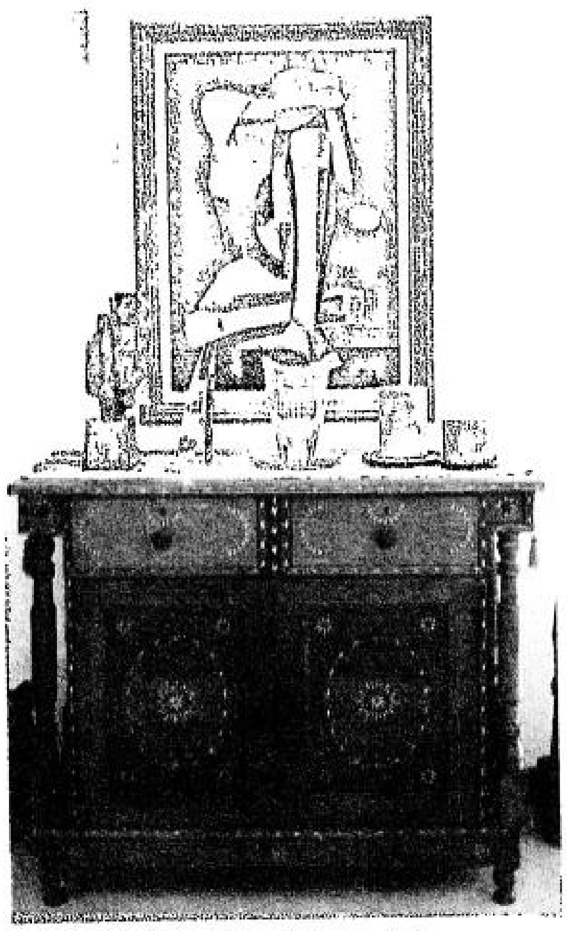
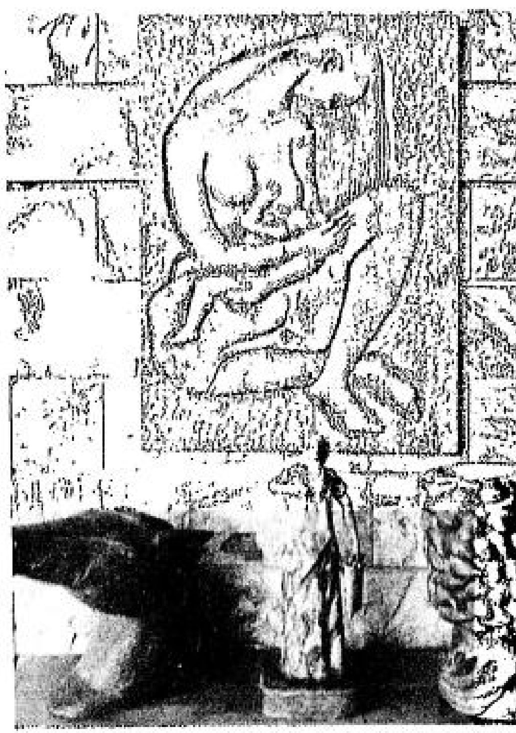


BONE-INLAID antique table from Bulacan becomes altar for one of the husband's prized paintings by Ang Kiukok.



BAS-RELIEF and wooden sculptures by Filipino artists

ANOTHER Ang Kiukok shares space with works by Filipino sculptors.

MOTHER-AND-CHILD painting by BenCab

Prized art, prized home

A tropical-style house is redecorated around a couple's collection of Filipino art

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

WHEN this businessman and his wife became the new owners of a two-story house in an exclusive village in Quezon City, two things were at the top of their list: redo the sprawling garden into their idea of a lush, tropical paradise and transform the Filipino-style dwelling into a repository of the husband's prized art collection.

To realize the first part of their vision, the husband commissioned landscape artist Emer Santos to recreate the garden. Santos set about replanting certain areas, particularly by the multi-level pond and along the trellis' fringes, with such ornamental staples as bird's-nest (*pakpak lawin*), calathea, bromeliad, San Francisco and several palm and orchid varieties.

In lieu of Bermuda grass, Santos opted for hardier carabao grass and various shrubs as ground cover. Rock formations on the walls and certain corners such as the pond have a jagged quality to them that evoke a wild, untended look.

The businessman took the time to personally oversee the work.

"I find a lush garden like this soothing," he says. "It has a cooling effect that is absent in a stark Zen garden."

The garden is still a work in progress, but the house is now finished. Much of the four months the couple spent in renovating it went into redoing the ceiling and repainting the walls.

The newly painted off-white walls became a gallery of sorts for his collection of paintings of Malang, BenCab and the late Ang Kiukok. He's also the proud custodian of abstract and impressionist pieces by such Filipino sculptors as Sermeno, De Jesus, Rocha, Acac and Arcilla.

"They're not only the country's top (sculptors)," says the husband, "they also happen to be my favorites. Their works are extremely hard to find."

At the same time, the husband hired a furniture maker to do the family's 10-seat dining table made of narra and *tindalo*. He also had a few padded furniture pieces reupholstered and several antique cabinets and altar tables he acquired from various parts of the Philippines refurbished or dusted off.

These antique pieces either complement or provide a base for his sculptures, vases and various knickknacks. Just like the garden, the couple's living room exudes the warmth, color and texture typical of Filipino-style homes.

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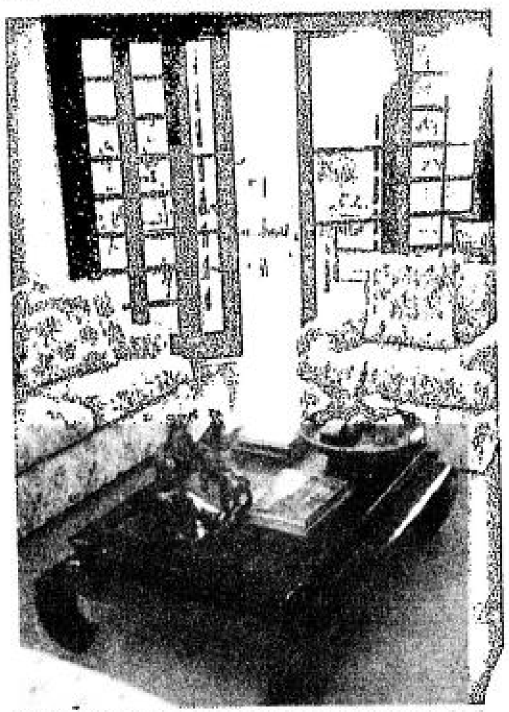
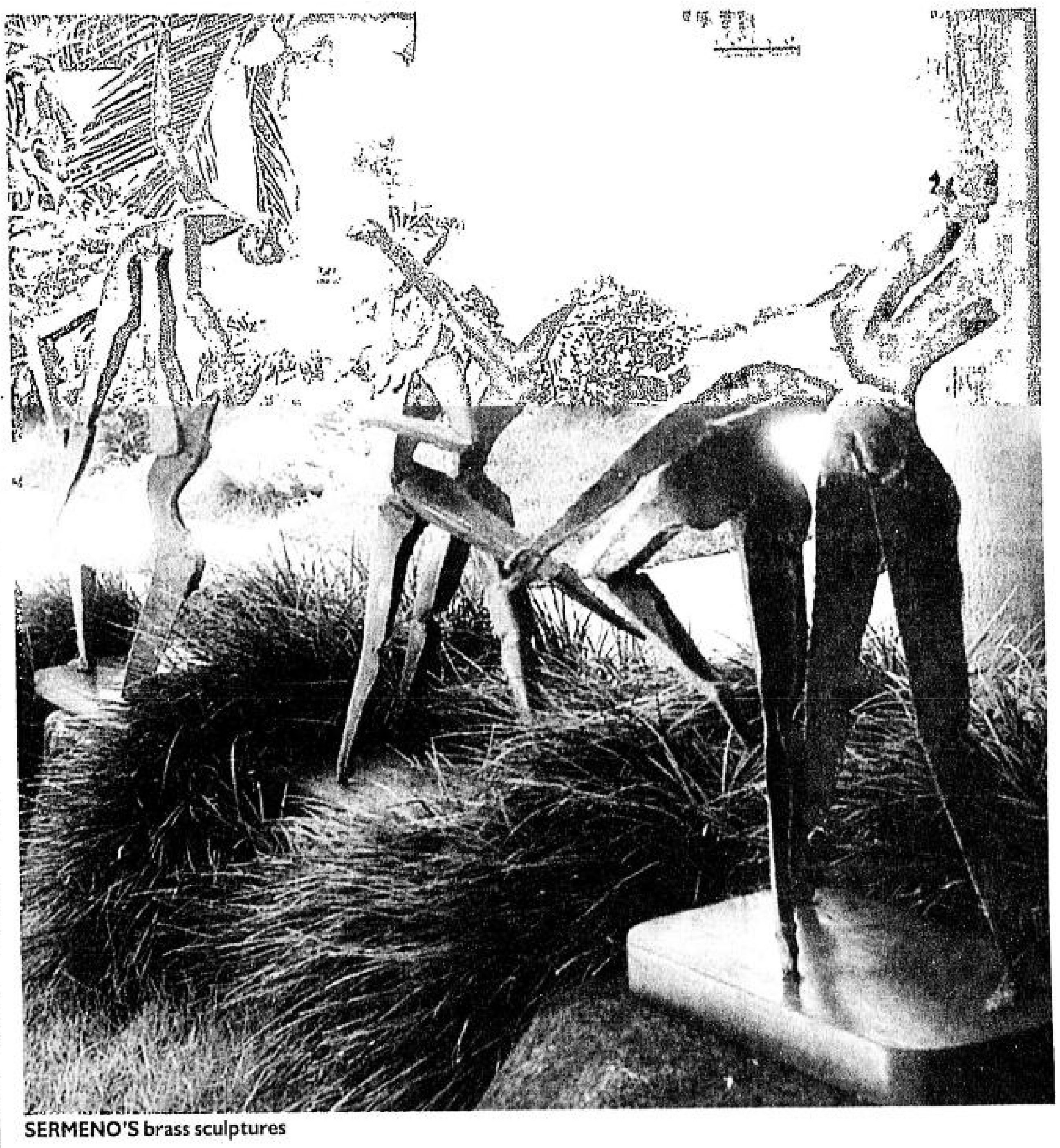
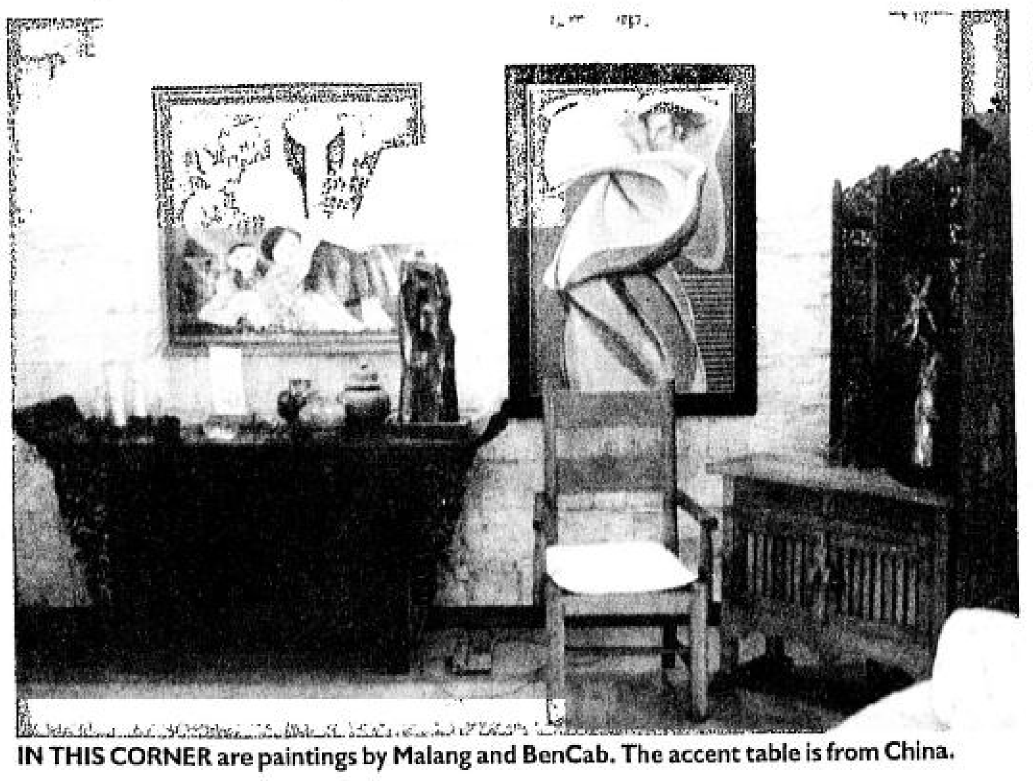


COZY living room with printed and padded seats for a more homey feel

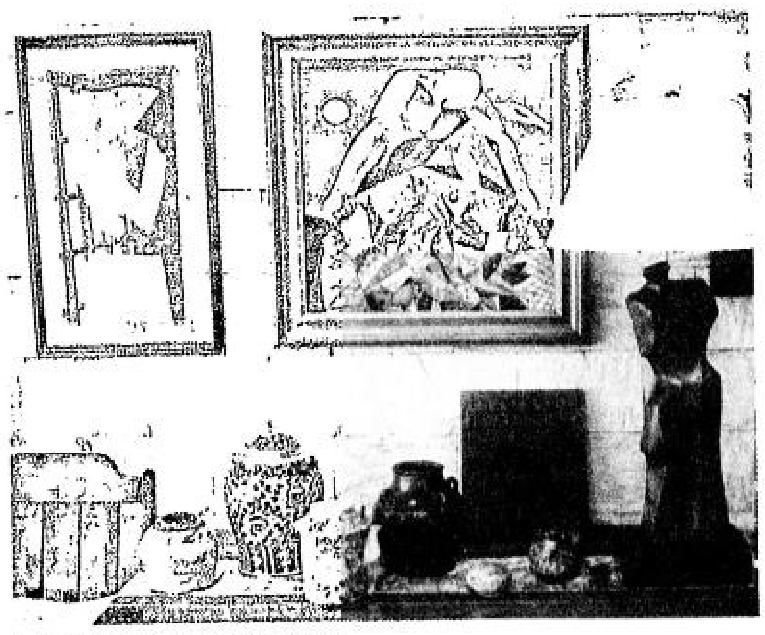
STONE grinder dates back to Spanish times.



SERMENO'S brass sculptures



IN THIS CORNER are paintings by Malang and BenCab. The accent table is from China.



MORE Ang Kiukok on the wall

TRELLIS frames an outdoor sitting area.

DINING room, featuring a 10-seat narra table, opens out to the garden.

LANDSCAPE artist Emer Santos fashioned a mini tropical garden featuring bird's-nest, calathea, bromeliad and several palm and orchid varieties.

The environment in RP's Millennium Development Goals

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

SOME projects and programs brought to our attention recently have to do with the United Nations-initiated Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Those goals are the reason why the projects and programs are being undertaken in the first place. We learned that the main reason for setting up MDGs was to reduce poverty, ensure safe drinking water and sanitation, make health care and education accessible to all, and protect valuable natural resources. Participating countries, including the Philippines, are urged to pursue these goals.

Of eight major goals enumerated in the MDG program, the seventh deals specifically with the environment, with the mandate: "Ensure environmental sustainability." To get to know more about this, we got hold of a copy of "The Second Philippines Progress Report on the Millennium Development Goals."

The MDG resulted from the Millennium Summit in 2000 where the UN General Assembly adopted the Millennium Declaration. The summit, held at the UN headquarters in New York, convened heads of state and governments "to reaffirm their faith in the Organization and its Charter" as indispensable foundations of a just and peaceful world.

Common denominator

Eight goals were identified, each with specific targets according to the needs of each country, but with one common denominator—the reduction of poverty. The program thus addresses serious problems of people around the world that affect health, social and economic well-being.

We zeroed in on the seventh goal in the Philippine report that stipulates environmental sustainability. To attain this goal, the following targets were drawn up: national strategies for sustainable development by the year 2005 to reverse loss of environmental resources by 2015, bring down to half the proportion of people with no access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation by 2015, and achieve a significant improvement of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020.

Whoever set up these goals must have studied the problems in depth to set 2015 and 2020 as deadlines, for those are only five and ten years away.

A Medium-term Philippine Development Plan also gives MDGs top priority.

Implementation

The best advocacy comes from the local level even as both Houses of Congress and other sectors of society express their support. As financing and the search for revenue are essential in implementation, it is hoped that these do not preempt the goals themselves.

It is easy to see why poverty would occupy center stage in global development. The Second Progress Report, while citing mainly the Philippine condition, could well echo the problems elsewhere in the world.

One of the reasons for widespread poverty in the country, says the report, "is the mismanagement of its natural resources." The country's environmental sustainability has been rated poor or low. "Overall, the ability of the major ecosystems to provide and maintain a regular stream of economic goods and ecological services has been constrained by declining stocks and reduced coverage and quality. Thus, there is urgent need to properly manage the country's natural resources and protect the environment to improve the quality of life of the present as well as future generations."

Figures and data are provided to show the paths of degradation in our forests and seas. To those who have followed these trends, the data come as no surprise. But that's the worrisome part: they should surprise us. Environmentalists have been saying them all along. Even if anyone is listening, is anything being done about it?

Over-riding

Poverty continues to be the over-riding problem in this country, and the state of our environment has not been able to alleviate it.

We have only to remember the class action suit filed against several government offices and agencies by a group of University of the Philippines law students demanding that those offices clean up a polluted body of water, specifically Manila Bay. Instead of cleaning up, those offices appealed a lower court ruling with the Supreme Court, which is how the case stands today.

You'd think the people manning those government offices do not have children or grandchildren who will benefit from a clean-up.

As postscript, we'd like to mention that poverty will hardly be alleviated in the light of increased rates of public utilities and services, VAT or no VAT. Electric bills, for instance, have gone up even when no meter reader comes around to check a household's power consumption. Other services are going the same way.

How do the Millennium Development Goals fit in such situations? Where does sustainable development come in? Perhaps the National Economic and Development Authority, which has a direct hand in the MDG program in the Philippines, can tell us.

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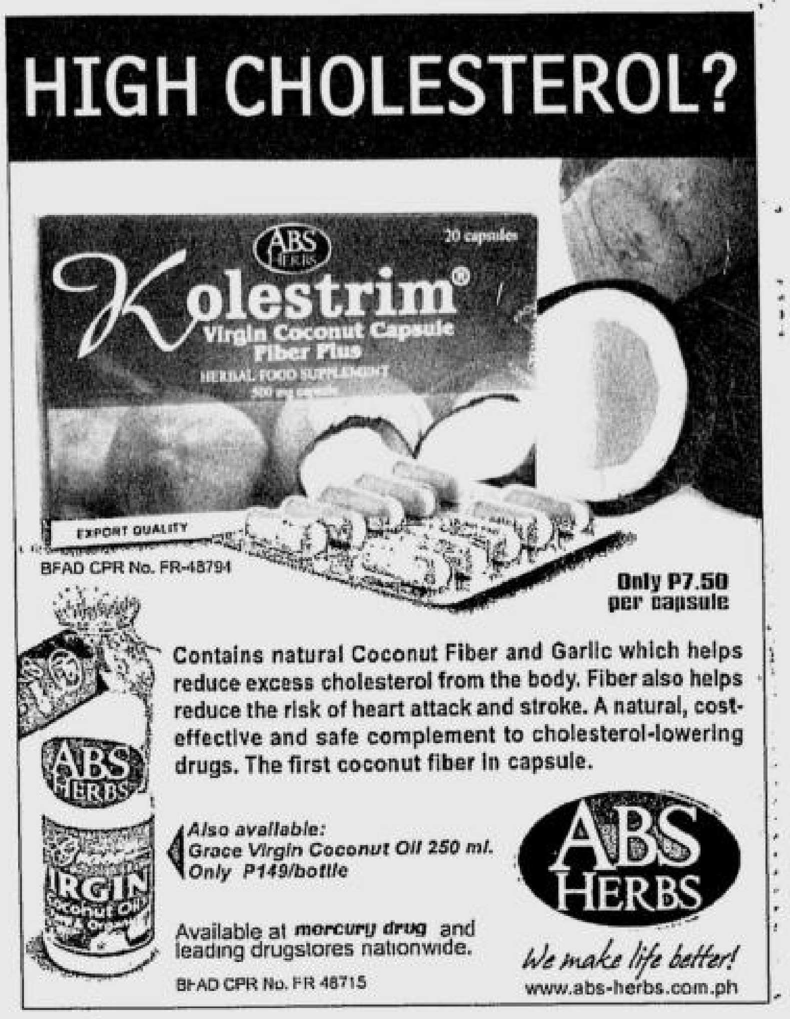

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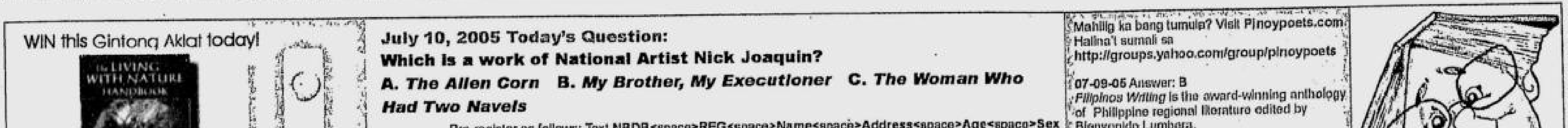

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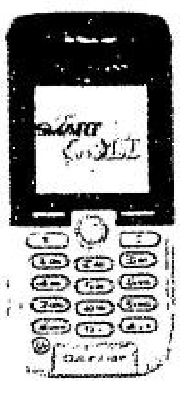
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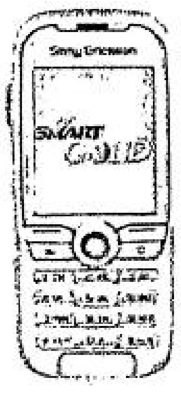
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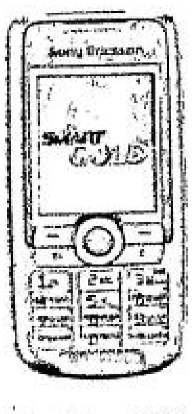
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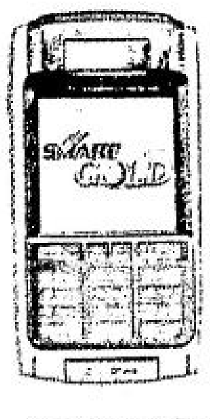
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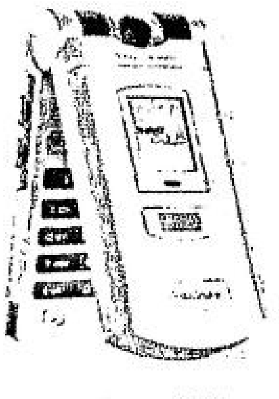
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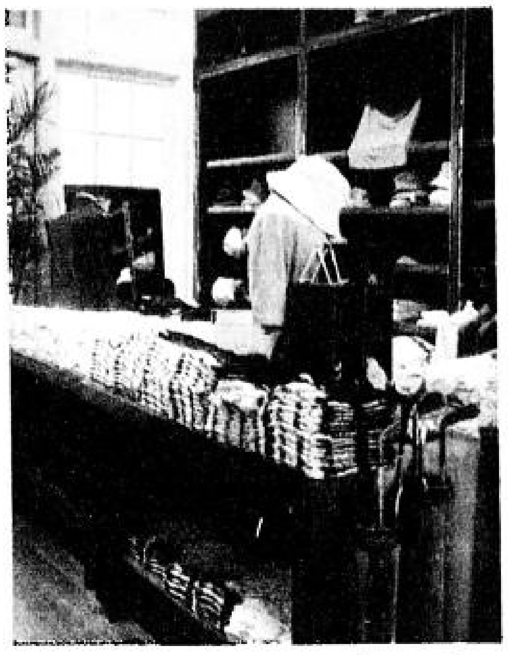
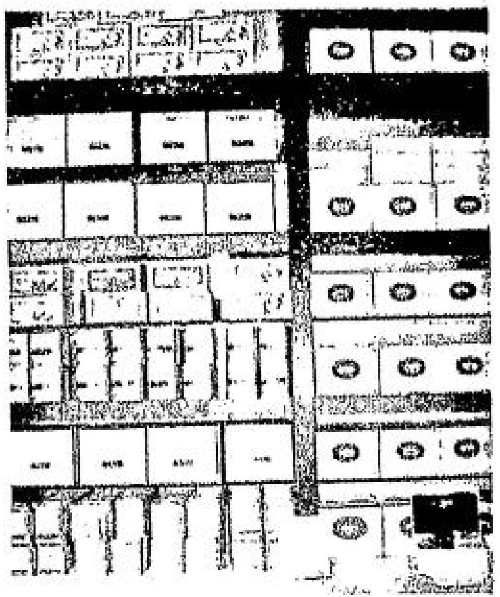
The Great Singapore Sale offers more treats for bargain hunters

ETRO, a luxury brand at Paragon mall, offers generous discounts on men's and ladies' apparel.



THE RAFFLES Hotel gift shop sells premium fabrics, clothes and trinkets, different types of tea and coffee (below), kitchenware and other household items.



One big roaring sale

Text and photos
by Belle V. Bondoc

EXPECT the malls to be crowded, shopping carts to fill, and cash registers to ring mad as the Lion City holds the annual Great Singapore Sale.

Until July 24, participating stores in almost all of the malls in the island state are marking down their goods up to 70 percent—from the highest end (Etro Store) to the lowest (Chinatown), and in between. There is something for every taste and sensibility.

"Now on its 12th year, the annual Great Singapore Sale is considered as one of Asia's biggest shopping events," says Sulian Tan-Wijaya, director of tourism shopping of the Singapore Tourism Board.

The first weekend of the sale reported more than 166,000 transactions worth US$17 million, about $14 million by MasterCard holders alone. The figures are expected to increase by sale's end as more establishments offer promos and extend their store hours until 2 a.m. to give people more time to shop.

In a survey conducted by Euromonitor International in October 2004, Singapore emerged as the most affordable tourist shopping destination in the Asia-Pacific. This is based on results from a comparative study on retail pricing in eight leading shopping destinations in the region.

Fab finds

You can shop until you drop at major malls along Orchard Road, the main shopping strip. Located in Paragon is Etro, a luxury brand that offers stylish ladies' bags and clothes and men's apparel. This family-owned company founded by Gimmo Etro almost three decades ago, started out as a textile firm that supplied fabrics to major fashion houses like Armani, Valentino, Max Mara and Versace. In 1981, the store expanded to include furnishing fabrics, creating a rich clay-colored, Oriental-inspired paisley motif that has become synonymous with the brand today.

The city's favorite home-grown department store, the Tangs, is offering generous discounts of up to 70 percent on fashion apparel, cosmetics, bags, shoes and accessories. The store's in-house labels are offering discounts of 50-70 percent.

The store redefines the fashion shopping experience with the relaunch of its fashion floors at its levels two and three. At level two, one can find comprehensive brands for ladies, from ready-to-wear and exquisite shoe collections to beauty products and trendy fashion accessories. At level three, there's the men's section with a wide selection of clothes and accessories.

Popular boutiques

The Wisma Atria, also on Orchard Road, is home to a great mix of popular boutiques and designer labels such as DKNY, Liz Claiborne, Topshop, Topman and U2. It offers 50-70 percent discount on fashion items and lifestyle products.

Takashimaya is also offering major discounts on clothes, home and interior products.

Mad about jewelry and excellent-looking timepieces? The Hyatt Hotel houses one of Singapore's leading luxury watch retailers, Roger Dubuis, which specializes in exceptional timepieces and jewelry designed by Carlos Dias.

There's also the Singapore Showcase, which features more than 90 lifestyle products and gift ideas from 18 brands launched in time for the shopping festival.

Singapore-inspired products include Orchid dresses by local designers of Hybrid O!, wearable works of art from Risis, limited-edition silver pendants from Perlini's Silver and gifts inspired by the Legendary Samsui Women from HomeSpun.

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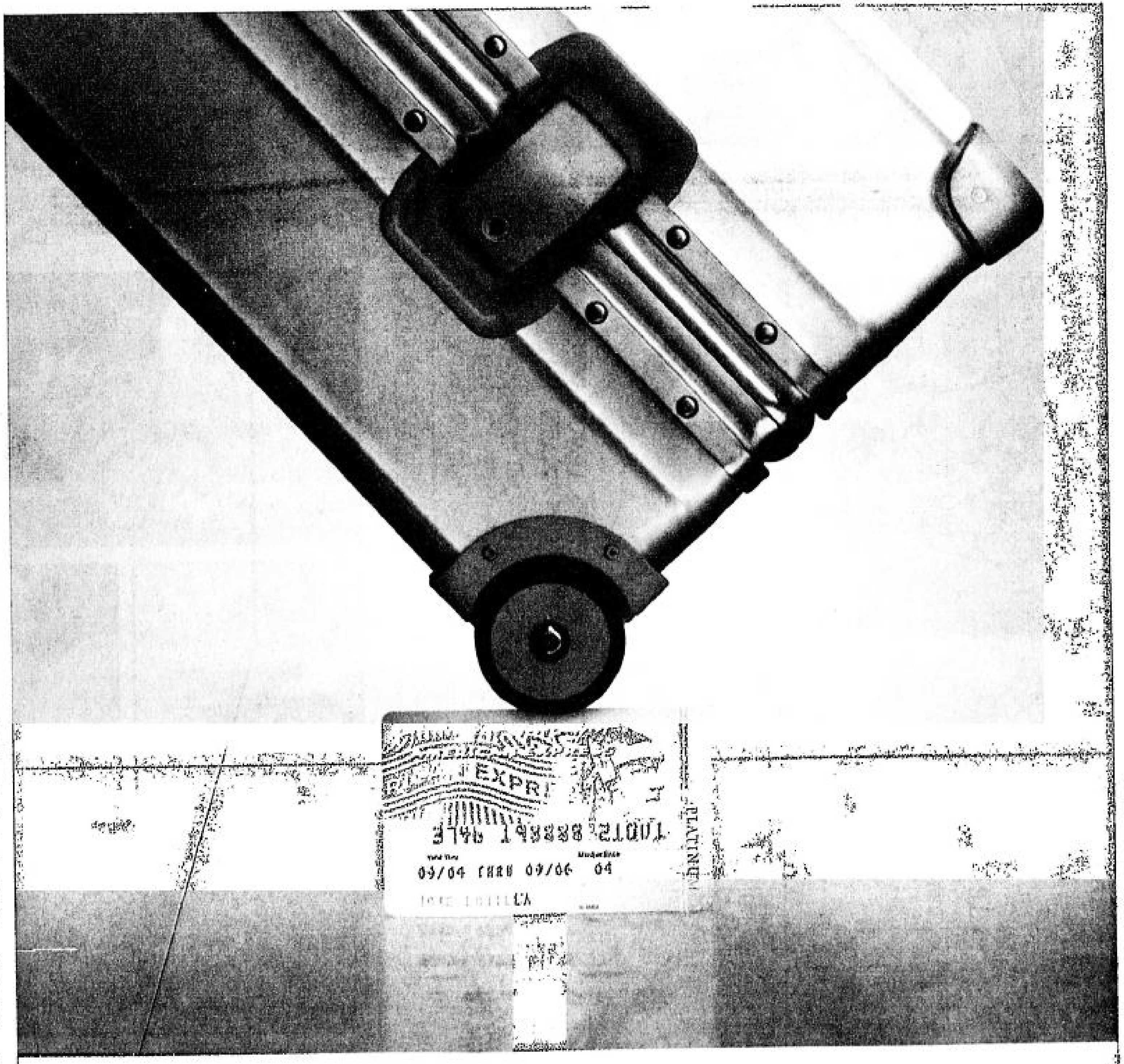

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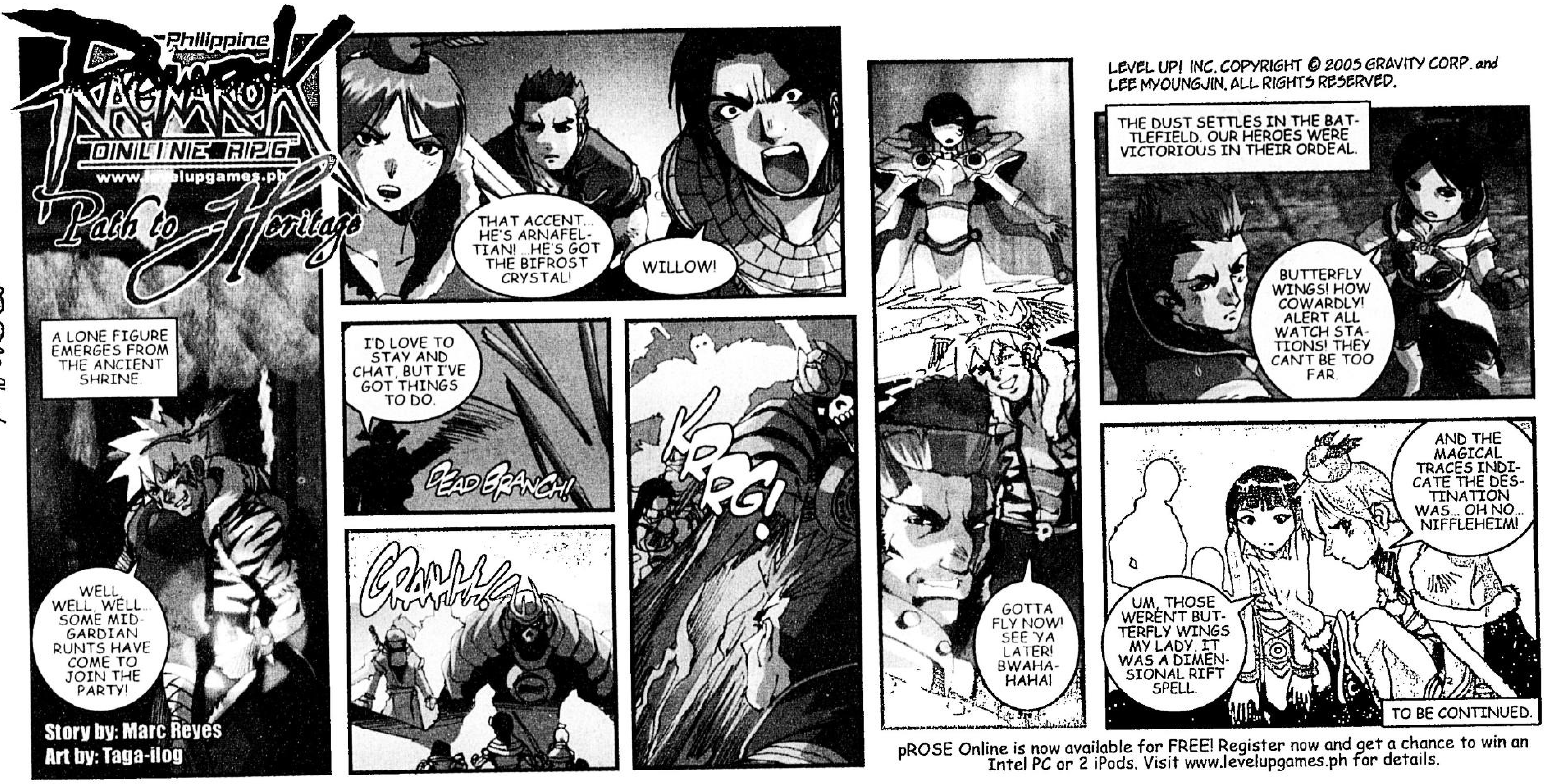
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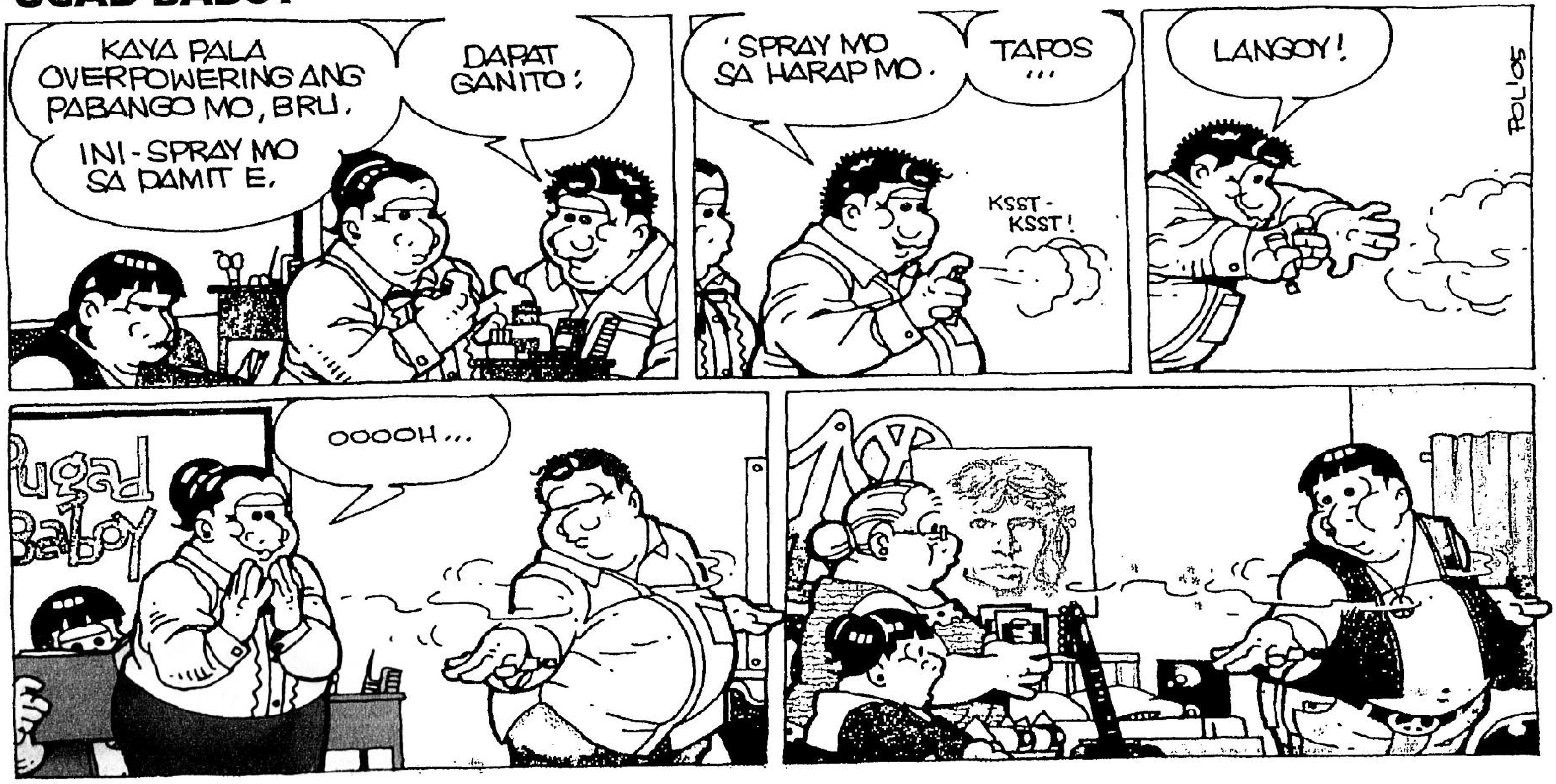
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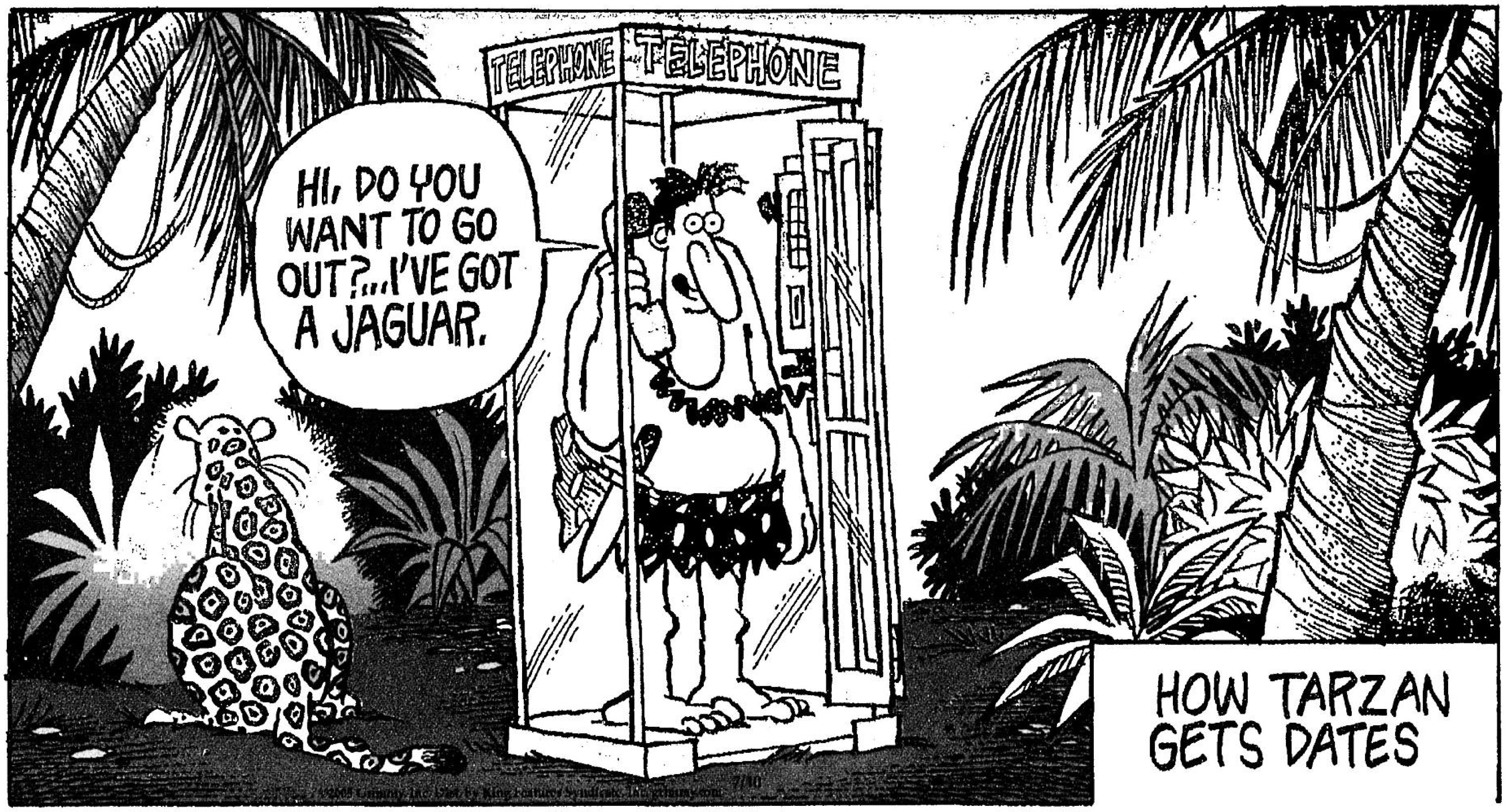
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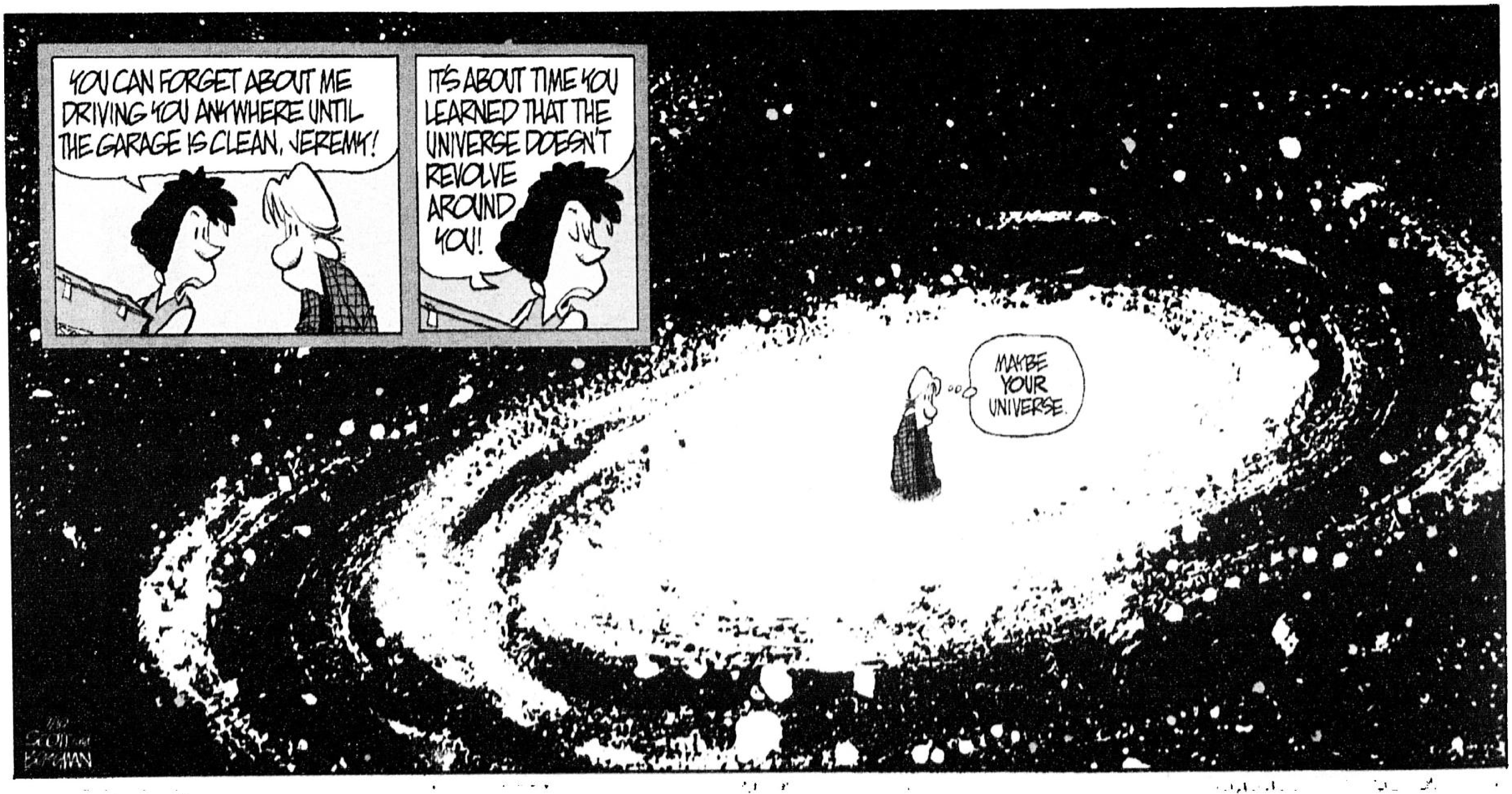
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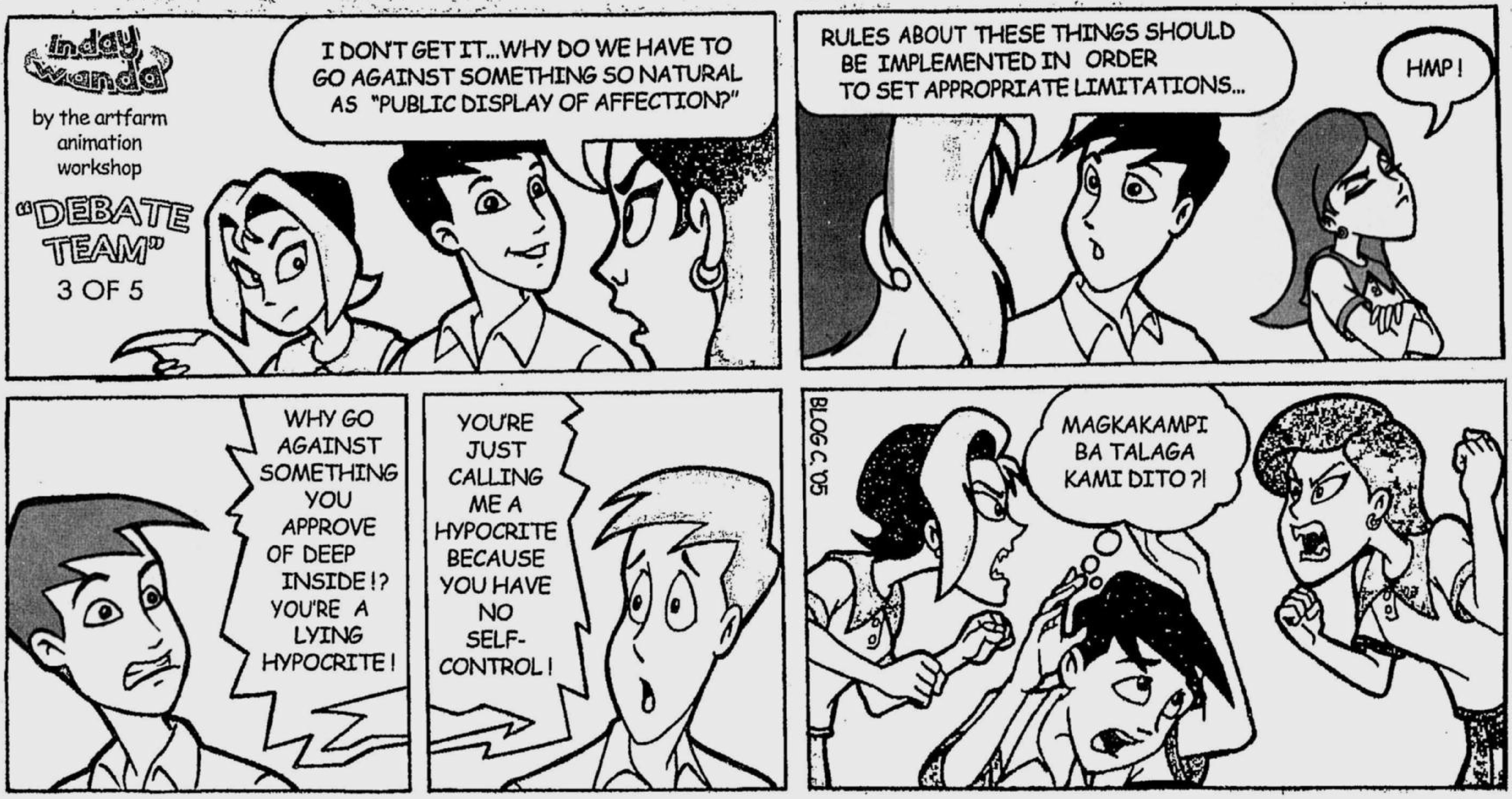
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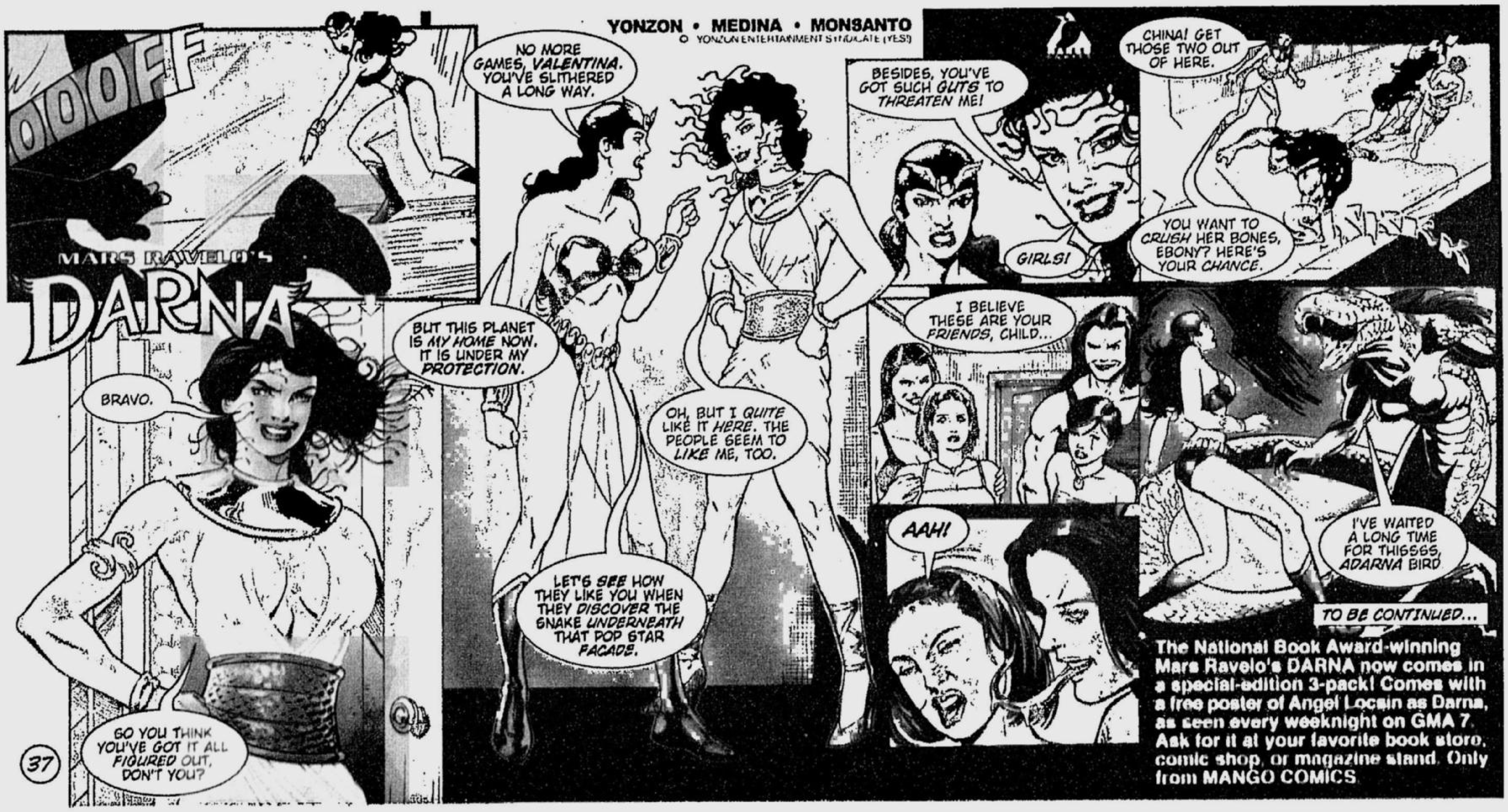
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LET'S SEE HOW THEY LIKE YOU WHEN THEY DISCOVER THE SNAKE UNDERNEATH THAT POP STAR FACADE.
BRAVO.
SO YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT, DON'T YOU?
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BESIDES, YOU'VE GOT SUCH GUTS TO THREATEN ME!
GIRLS!
CHINA! GET THOSE TWO OUT OF HERE.
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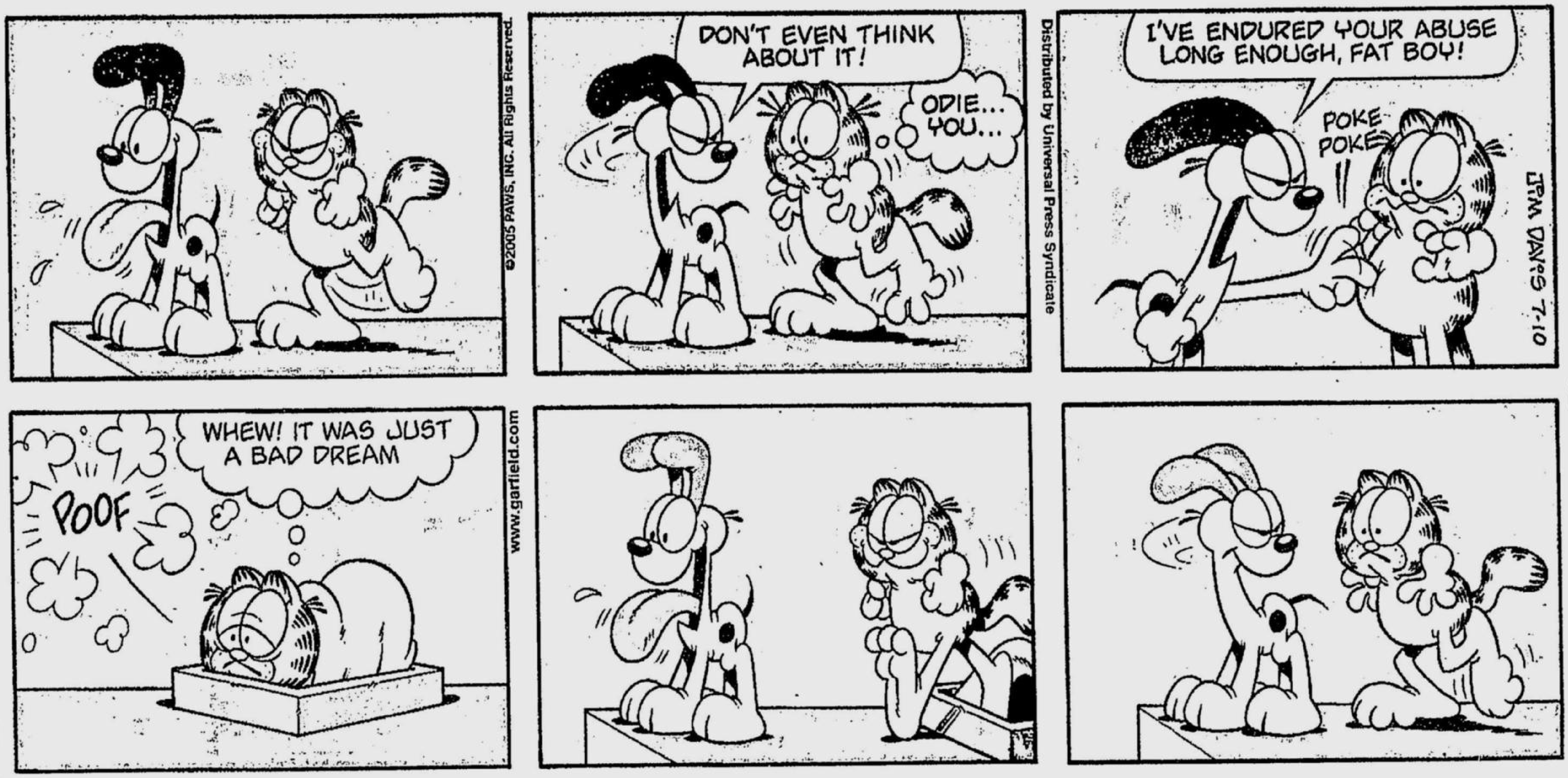
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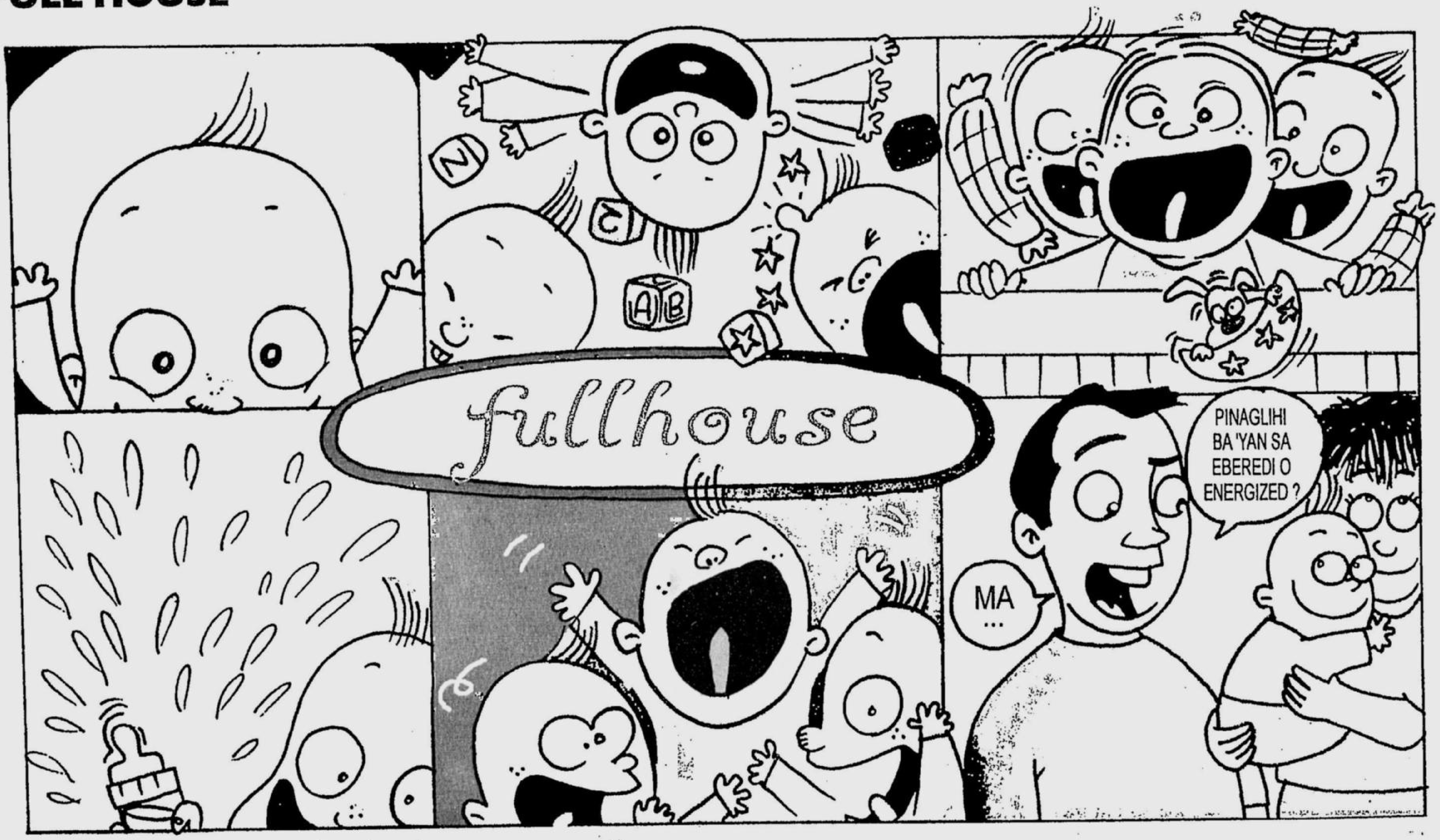
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THE MUSEUM Shop by Banyan Tree deserves a visit, with its unique collection of museum replicas, ethnic craft art, home accessories, museum-inspired stationery and books, apparel and other heritage-inspired merchandise.

One big roaring sale

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However, great shopping in Singapore is not only confined to Orchard Road. Just off Orchard Road in the Marina district, CityLink underground mall connects Raffles City Shopping Center to Marina Square and Suntec City Mall, the city's largest shopping center.

At Suntec Mall, you can find Mango's largest store in Asia. The Spanish brand has the widest range of goods on sale. It offers major discounts of up to 70 percent on almost all items. You can buy a blouse or lingerie top for only S$14.

The Raffles Hotel and its Gift Shop also deserve a visit. Here, one can find perfect gift items—from nice fabrics, clothes and crafts, to different types of tea and coffee, kitchenware and other household items. It also sells accessories, stuffed toys, cookbooks and posters.

Best buys

If you're on a tight budget and really looking for best buys, Chinatown is perfect. You can practice the Filipino art of haggling here. The place is a veritable treasure trove for bargain hunters.

For more bargains, there's the Mustapha Center, open 24 hours. Well, it smells like India, but you can surely find the best buys here. It offers a wide range of items, from homeware to fashion accessories, fabrics, clothes and crafts. It's also known as the pashmina haven. Beautiful selections of embroidered pashminas in different colors can be found here. The prices vary from S$12 to a high of S$15 for the super-thick variety.

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If you're just tired of checking the stores for bargains, you can have your fill watching cultural performances at the Malay Exhibit Center. You can also visit the 1421 Exhibition and Festival Village at Marina Promenade or view the Journey of Faith Exhibit, which runs until October at the Asian's Civilizations Museum. You can also indulge your palate at the upscale restaurants in the city. The possibilities are truly endless.

Excitement is really an understatement for what is in store for you in the Lion City.

Indeed, whatever your interests are, there's a nine to one chance you'll end your visit by planning another trip to Singapore.

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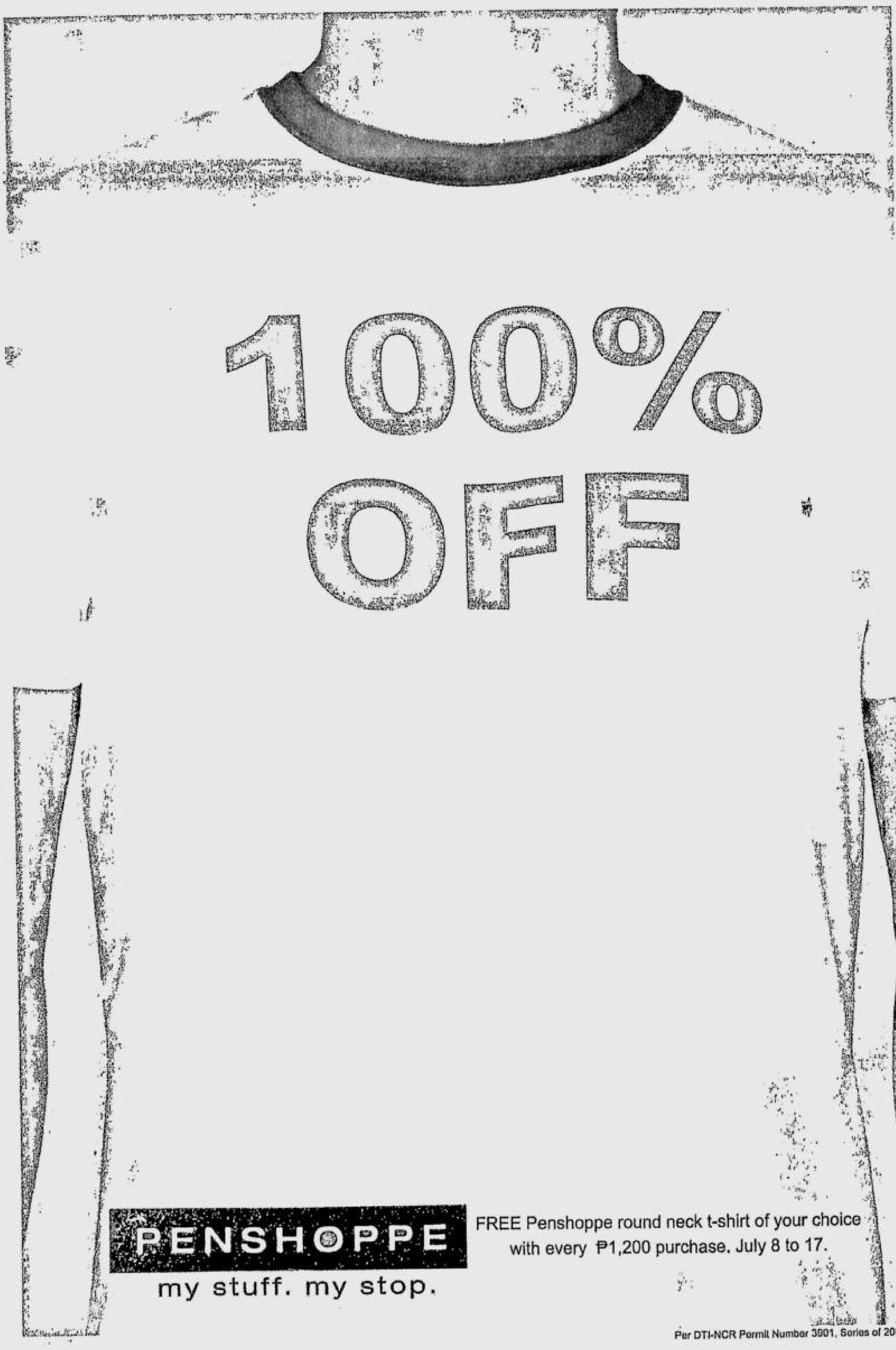

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THE PHILIPPINE team, represented by Herminio Alday and his nieces, Lorie Carlos and Anne Jacutina, is awarded by Dr. Chan Tat Hon, assistant chief executive (leisure), STB.

Philippines wins Singapore shopping contest

TO SHOWCASE Singapore's shopping strengths such as value for money, quality products and variety of choices, the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) and MasterCard organized the Great Singapore Shopping (GSS) Challenge 2005 as part of the ongoing Singapore Sale.

The grand finals of the Shopping Challenge was held last June 25.

The GSS Challenge featured eight teams from Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand.

The challenge was divided into two main categories, the Singapore Challenge, which was exclusively for Singaporeans, and the International Challenge, which was for eight participating countries.

The preliminary rounds of the contest were conducted by STB and MasterCard from May 28-June 18 through their worldwide offices. The winners from each country were then invited to Singapore to take part in the finals.

The Philippines was represented by Herminio Alday, who won the promo using his Bankard MasterCard, and his nieces, Lorie Carlos, a school administrator, and Anne Jacutina, who just graduated from college.

Each team of three was given S$1,000 shopping money on a MasterCard prepaid credit to purchase one item from each of the following categories: fashion and beauty, jewelry and watches, consumer electronics, men's apparel, ladies apparel and kids' apparel. They were given three hours to shop in five major malls: the Centerpoint Shopping Center, HarbourFront Center, Millenia Walk, Paragon and the Wisma Atria Shopping Center.

Given a fixed budget and a three-hour shopping time, participating teams competed for the best buys and bargains. The challenge was all about savings, value for money and getting big discounts.

The grand prize was bagged by the Philippine team. They were given S$6,000 shopping vouchers. They also took home all the items they purchased.

The Philippine team gained a total of $3,700 earnings from its purchases, which included men's apparel (Burberry shirts) at 70-percent discount; ladies' apparel (BCBG Max-Mara tailored pants) at 90-percent discount; shoes (from Charles David) at 90-percent discount; and a digital camera for only $109 from an original price of $269.

Taiwan was second, and Australia third. The other teams were Thailand, India, Malaysia, Indonesia 1, Indonesia 2 and China.

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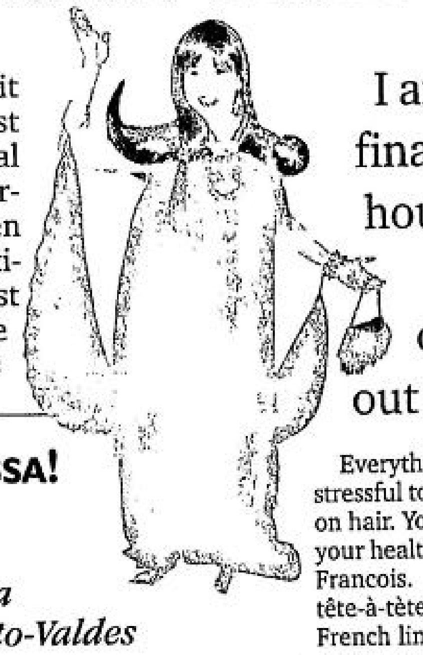

WHEN it rains, indeed it pours! While the past months saw my social calendar resembling that of a hermit, these past weeks have been filled with numerous events. Political typhoon or not, business must still go on, products must still be launched and charitable projects must still be funded.

And no generic invitations for these affairs either! When people make such an effort, a definite appearance at their event is essential as a show of support. Or at the very least, to make an effort to stay on the list of the Philippine Tatler's Most Invited Guests!

Well, whether I am simply list-pumping or not, I am just glad to have finally come out of my house arrest in leaps and bounds and shed the last traces of postpartum blues out of my bloodstream.

Arriving from a revitalizing Chi Spa experience in Cebu, I went straight to the Lazartigue cocktails at the Manila Polo Club where the main focus of the evening was hair. French hair expert **Jean-Francois Lazartigue** was in town to visit his local branches in the Power Plant Mall in Rockwell and Shangri-La Plaza Mall (where his shop is right across Urban Spa, so I know of his products).

Since they were giving free hair analysis, I decided to have one for my perennially colored and highlighted (translation: heavily tortured) hair. To my horror, I was diagnosed with the worst combination: dry scalp and oily hair. With my recent delivery, I am sure I even have a high rate of falling hair. Thank goodness for my fancy wigs!

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Everything that is harsh on the body and stressful to the mind will have the same effect on hair. Your locks reflect the general state of your health, explained the very amiable Jean-Francois. Forced into repartee during our tête-à-tête, I could only offer him the one French line I know, *"Voulez vous coucher avec moi ce soir?"* As a director of Alliance

GOODBYE/ E2

SHANG Palace guests Mia Borromeo, Frannie Jacinto and First Daughter Luli Arroyo

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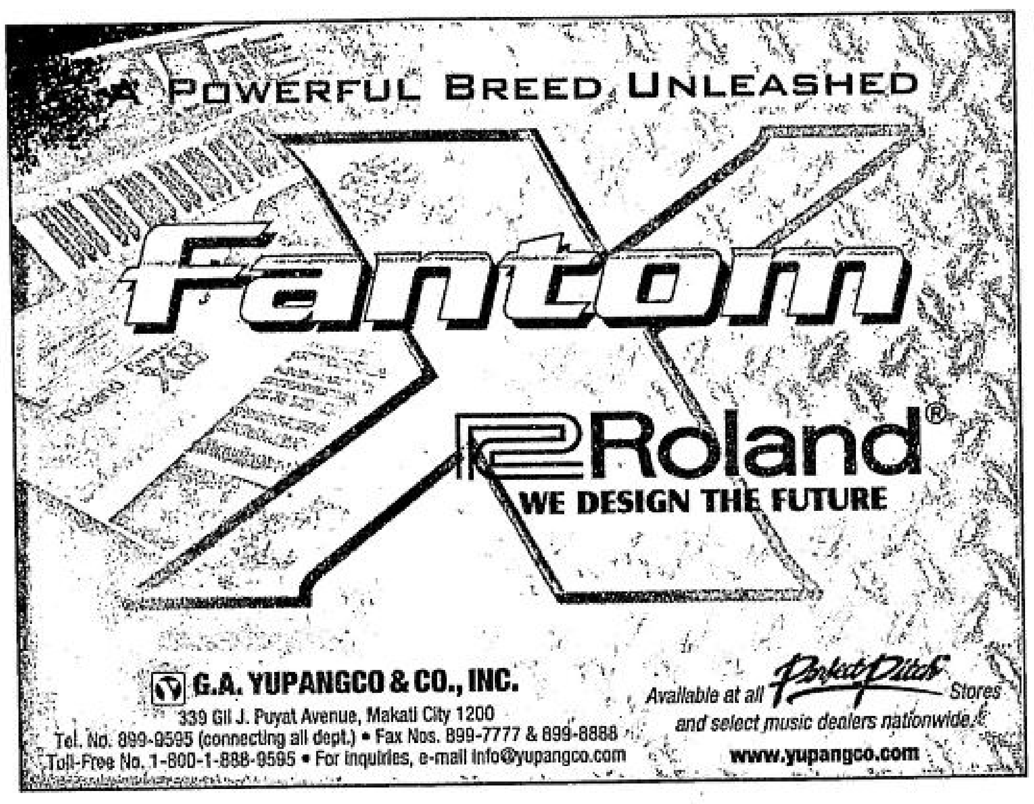

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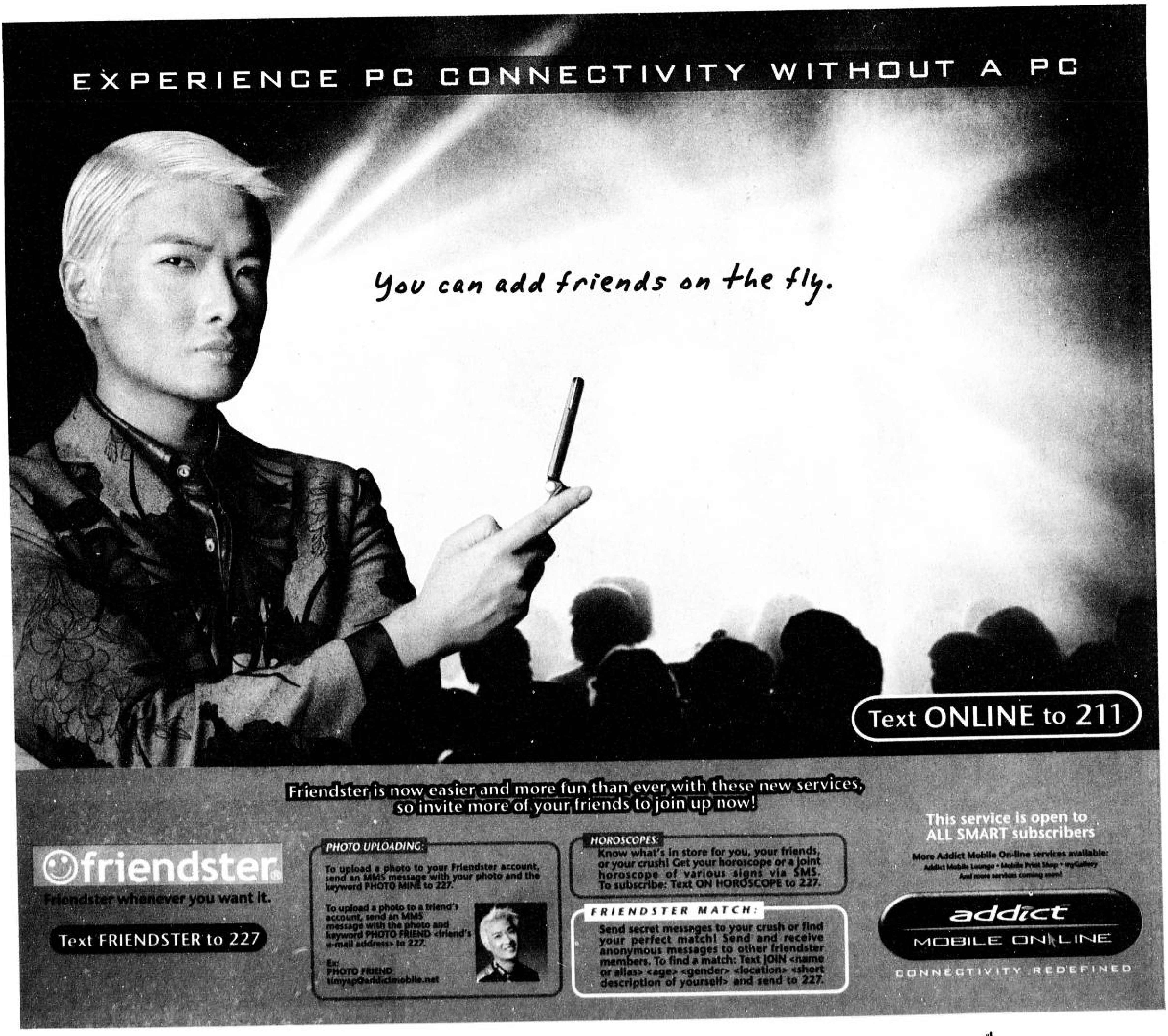

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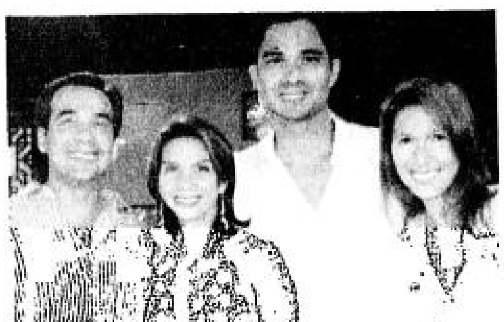
Goodbye, blues. Hello, parties!

ESSENSES shoppers Frances Lim, Julie and Warner Manning and SSI boss Anton Huang



LWT guests Anton Garcia and wife Dyan Castillejo and David and Jessica Bunevacz

RETRO friends Teddy and Janine Dario, Marivic Limcaoco and Bingbing Ongsiako

From page E1

Française de Manille, I really must brush up on my fractured French.

Busiest day

My busiest social day last week was a hat trick: three events in a row! The first was the one-of-a-kind, one-man exhibit of abstract expressionist painter **Ivan Acuña** at Rustan's Essenses. The exhibition-sale of artworks was an explosion of rich hues of predominantly vibrant red, gold and black. Each purchase of a painting came with a gift from Essenses and a contribution to Essenses Foundation.

I just love the "Gift With Purchase" idea, but including something for a worthy cause is even better! Ivan's exhilarating work is reflective of his personality. He was a bundle of energy moving around the shop, encouraging people to buy.

The ongoing exhibit has moved to the fifth floor of Rustan's, so do check it out until July 15. In between shopping for beauty essentials and men's colognes, indulge yourselves with modern art. Essenses has become a one-stop mecca because of its expansive line of scents for men. At one event hosted by "Look Who's Talking's" **Johnny Litton** and I, guests were "scent-citized" based on their personality. Essenses has all the top foreign colognes and also carry the popular ISM colognes of **Inno Sotto**.

Resto reopening

After choosing Ivan's loudest painting on behalf of an interior design client, I headed to the Shang Palace at the Makati Shangri-La for the resto's auspicious reopening.

I was dressed in a **Rajo Laurel** pseudo-Chinese outfit with semi-Egyptian overtones, which exactly matched the one worn by the Shang Palace's model, photographed on a gigantic billboard. But this was no fashion faux pas. My fave GM **Jarlath Lynch** had borrowed my outfit months ago and immortalized it in their invitations, menus, etc.

The new Shang Palace is a site to be seen, with a menu to be savored. The chic, modern interior is refreshingly different from the traditional Chinese red scheme. Interesting details like Rajo's stylized staff uniforms and the hairdo of the waitresses have transformed the restaurant into a new-generation gastronomic destination.

PIAGET executive Volcy Bloch, Italian Ambassador Umberto Colesanti and wife Clara, Nedy Tantoco and Patrick Jacinto

An exquisite, 10-course Cantonese dinner of mouthwatering dishes like baked-lobster, braised abalone, stir-fried scallops and pan-fried beef rolls was served, while dragon dancers with noisy drums brought luck all around the restaurant. Forget your South Beach Diet when you go to the new Shang Palace, the dishes are too tempting to pass.

Unfortunately, I had to rush out to another engagement at ABS-CBN for the taping of "Home Boy," the new TV show of fast-talking host **Boy Abunda**. I was a guest for an episode about "looking young." I would have declined, but Boy is a good friend, so off I went, hoping I would look young in my Shang Palace costume complete with my purple wig. After the episode, I knew I was finally cured from motherhood blues.

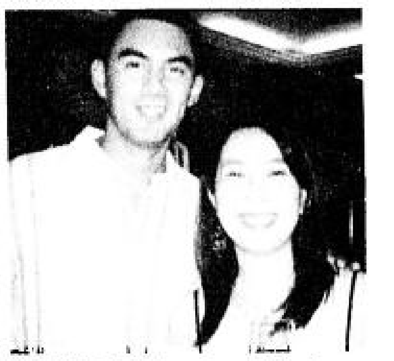
Splendid event

Another splendid event was the Piaget dinner at the Shang Ballroom in honor of **Yves Piaget**. The impressive dinner setup of long tables was dramatically lit with white drapery lining the ballroom. The delicious meal was followed by a fashion show of the new collection of Piaget watches, some adorned with colorful feathers and jewelry set in heart-shape designs. Each creation seemed to be screaming "Tessa!" As the stunning models paraded before us, my husband, **Dennis**, was the one screaming, "Go away!" before I could ask him for an advance birthday gift.

There are just so many exciting things happening in the city. Our political *zarzuela* has become as dramatic as a sensational *teleserye*, like "Darna" and "Kampanerang Kuba." Since politics seems unable to rise beyond the genre of fake heroes and dubious villains, we should all just try and go about our lives and do our share in making the world a better place.

You can start by supporting the local musical theater industry. Try to catch "Mapaghimalang Birhen ng Caysasay," a religious musical directed by INQUIRER's **Nestor Torre** with music composed by **Ryan Cayabyab**. The very limited performance ends today with two shows at the CCP Little Theater. I caught the Premier night, which was quite entertaining with **Ogie Alcasid** and **Cocoy Laurel** in the lead roles.

"CAYSASAY" producer Ramon Orlina



LAZARTIGUE manager Andrea Recto-Montenegro with actor Hans Montenegro

FUCHSIA feathered Piaget watch modeled by INQUIRER's Apples Aberin, with Dennis Valdes

L'OREAL'S Leica Carpo and Natty Pappas

We may live in troubled times but if there is a lesson I learned from "Caysasay," it is this: "Happiness and peace, focus on that!"

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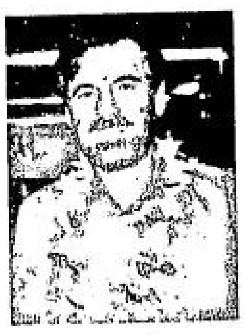
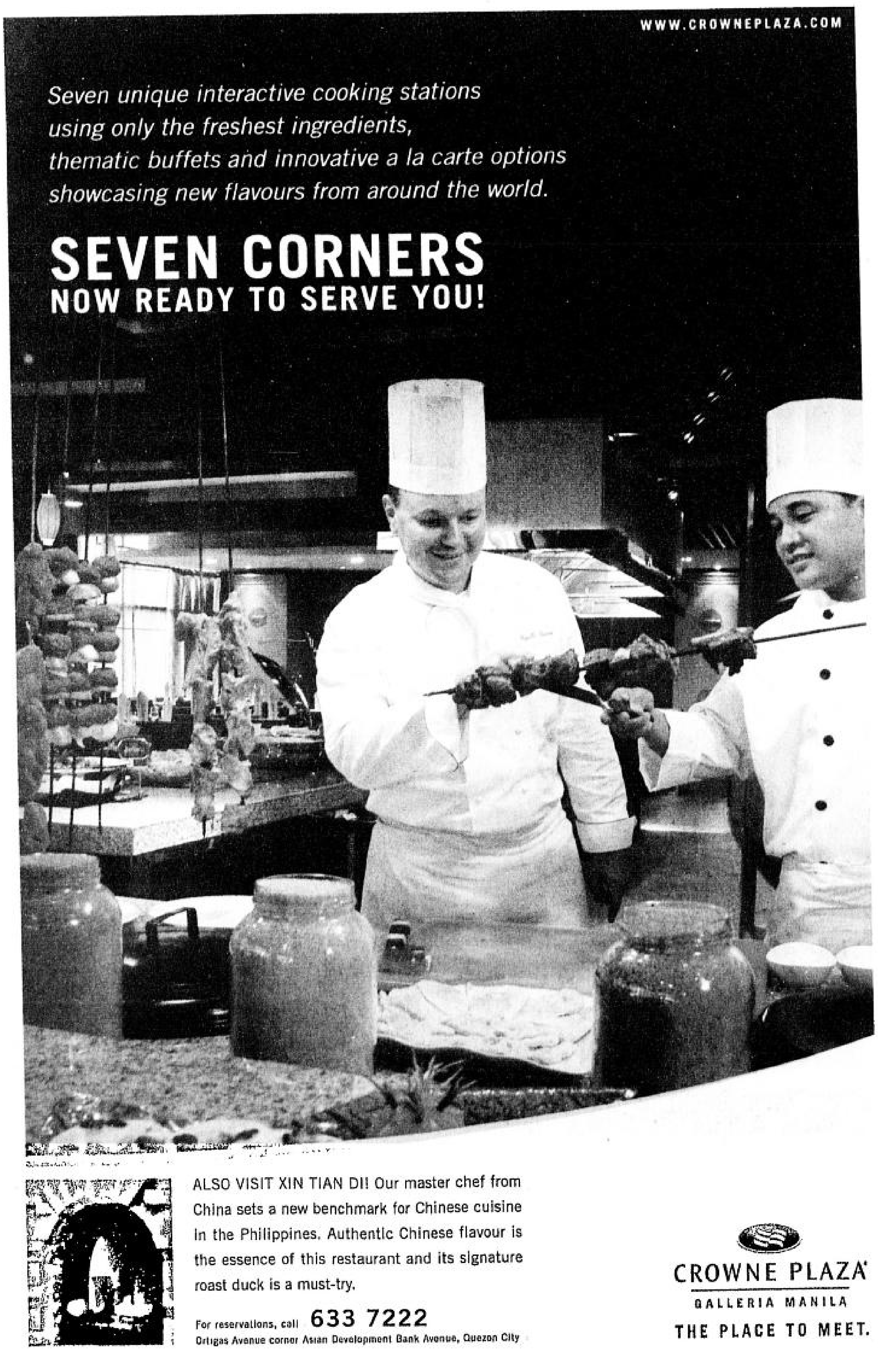
ART lovers Tessa Alindogan, Frances Yu and Trina Alindogan



HAIR expert Jean-François Lazartigue

CHINESE outfits by Rajo Laurel for the waitresses of Shang Palace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The Watches and Jewelry Fair on July 18-28 at the Carousel Court offers a variety of pearls and precious stones.

Ending today is the Scoot and Cycle Festival that showcases a complete range of bike accessories at the mall's Carousel Court.

As an added attraction, motorcycle buffs can compete for the best scooter, best underbone and the biggest bike awards.

The festival will be followed by a display of Philips products in "Dare to Play."

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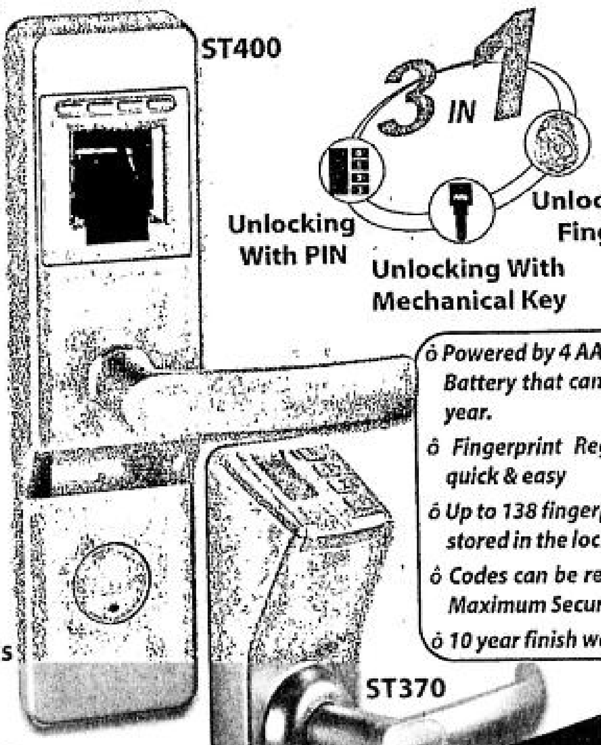

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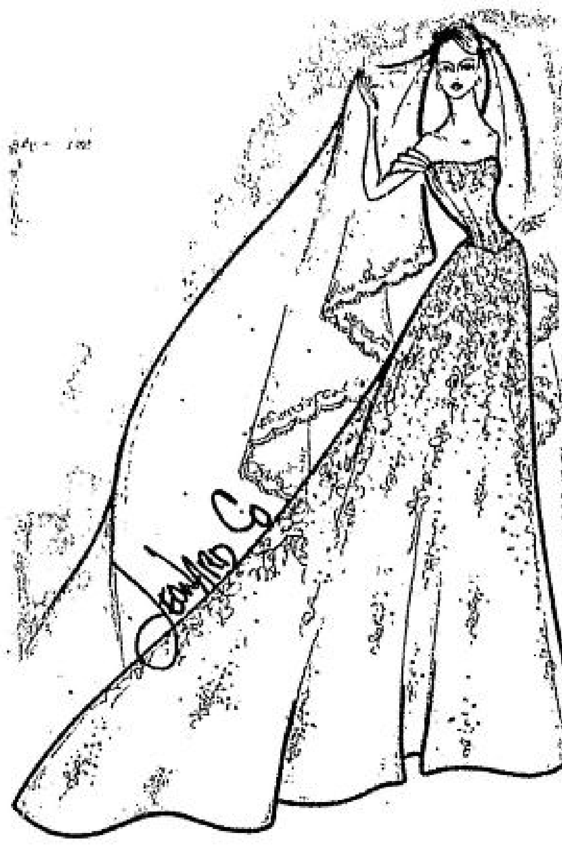


SY-VELARDE

Michelle Anne Sy, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Alexander Sy**, will exchange vows with **George Velarde**, son of **Zocima** and **Nida Velarde**, on July, 17 at Fernwood Gardens, QC.

The bride will wear an off-shoulder gown with draped sleeves and bouffant skirt in white metallic gazar sateen designed by **Leonard Co.** It is beaded with silver cut-glass crystal beads, sequins and pearls .

Milestones

We welcome announcements of weddings and engagements. Submit names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, and gown designer along with a photo of the couple and a sketch of the bridal gown, if any, to the INQUIRER, P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City. E-mail to lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph. A photo of the bride and groom is required if the wedding has already taken place. Announcements will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the senders.

ERRATUM ON RIGOR-LIWANAG ENGAGEMENT

Shieren John D. Rigor, son of engineer **Efren** and **Zosima Rigor**, will wed **Nina Andrea Liwanag**, daughter of Dr. **Vladimir** and **Susan Liwanag**, on June 17, 2006 at Santuario de San Antonio in Makati City. Our apologies for printing that Shieren and Nina were wed last June 17. Reception will follow at the Rigodon Ballroom of The Peninsula Manila. The bride will wear a gown by **Paul Cabral** and the couple's wedding coordinator is **Rita Neri.**

MAGALONA-SERVETO

Ronnie Magalona and **Virginia Serveto** were married on June 12 at the Holy Family Parish Church in Valenzuela City.

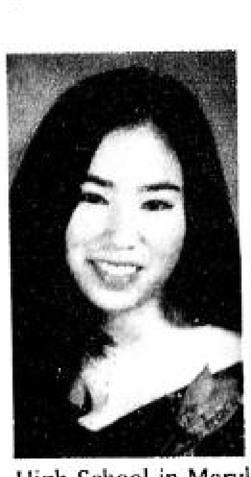
GANCHORRE ANNIVERSARY

The Rev. Dr. **C. C. Ganchorre** and the former **Bernie M. Sumayo** celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary recently. They have two children: **Cirnie Ruth**, married to **Ramon Melvin Villareña**; and **C. Nathan**, who has three children (**N. Mark**, **Nathalie Myrh** and **Bena Gabrielle**). Ganchorre, a minister of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, is founder-pastor of The New Covenant Church in Brgy. Hibao-an Sur, Mandurriao, Iloilo City.

AÑONUEVO-CALDERON

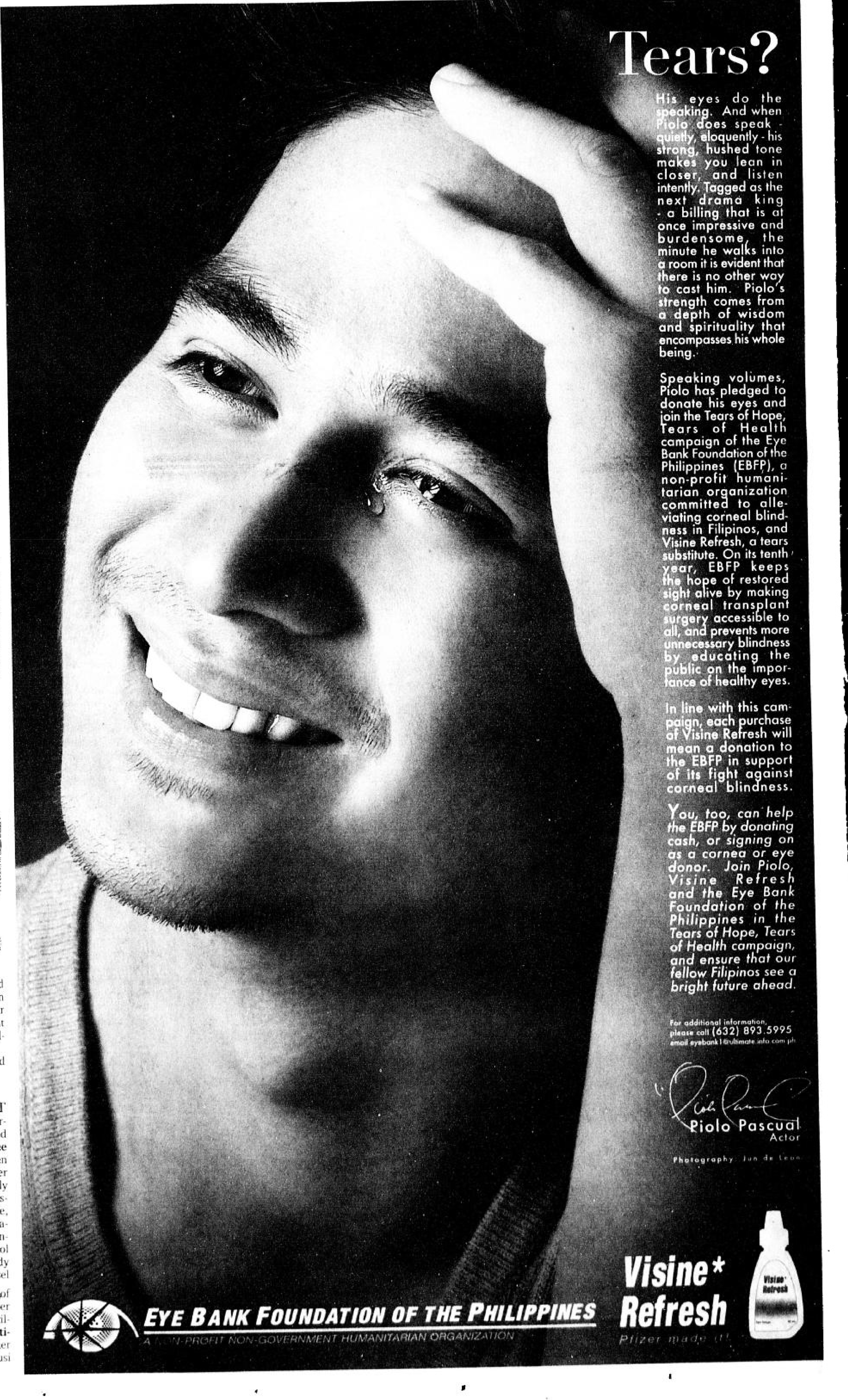
Viboy Añonuevo, son of **Roy Nilo T.** and **Marivic Añonuevo**, exchanged vows with **Rose Calderon**, daughter of engineer **Ernesto and Myrna Calderon**, on June 4, at St. James the Great Parish Church in Ayala Alabang Village, Muntinlupa City.

Reception was held at Ayala Greenfield Clubhouse.



SUAREZ DEBUT

A coming-out party will be tendered for **Tracy Renee Regino Suarez** when she celebrates her 18th birthday on July 30 at Martin's Crosswinds, Beltsville, Maryland, USA. Tracy, who recently finished her high school studies at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Maryland, is the daughter of **Rafael** and **Millette Regino Suarez.** Her gown and those of the members of the cotillion are designed and executed by **Mila Santiago-de Leon**, while the barong tagalog of her escort and cotillion dancers are by Josic's Jusi and Piña Lumban Embroidery.



Tears?

His eyes do the speaking. And when Piolo does speak - quietly, eloquently - his strong, hushed tone makes you lean in closer, and listen intently. Tagged as the next drama king - a billing that is at once impressive and burdensome, the minute he walks into a room it is evident that there is no other way to cast him. Piolo's strength comes from a depth of wisdom and spirituality that encompasses his whole being.

Speaking volumes, Piolo has pledged to donate his eyes and join the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

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Piolo Pascual
Actor

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Masbate cathedral fundraiser moved to Sept. 8

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

THE FUNDRAISING event for the renovation of the St. Anthony of Padua Cathedral in Masbate has been postponed from July 21 to Sept. 8, birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The event will be held at 5:30 p.m., at Garcia Villa, Balmori and Balagtas rooms of the Manila Peninsula Hotel.

This was decided on in a recent meeting attended by Masbate Bishop Joel Baylon, Justice Leonardo Quisumbing, Joe Arollado, lawyer Ranier Butalid and Lydia Monfort of the Project Cathedral Wings; and Ambassador Tony Villamor, Minda Torres, Angie Salanga, lawyer Bella Bermundo, Cory Quirino and Tony Medina, organizer of the event.

The fundraiser will feature a mini-concert, "Alay kay San Antonio de Padua," by tenor Frankie Aseniero and soprano Deeda Barretto.

Expected to attend the event are officers of companies operating in Masbate, lawyer Norberto Quisumbing of Norkis and other Masbateños who care to help, particularly PL Lim who comes from Uson town.

Businessman Reghis Romero has promised to support the project. Well-known television host Quirino will be the emcee.

Text Tony at 0917-3894432 or call Minda at 7168879.

Beginning

The plan to renovate the Masbate Cathedral was hatched by Masbateños Rainier Butalid, Joe Arollado, Lydia Monfort and architect Rey Uy.

In an organizational meeting in 2002 attended by Bishop Baylon, "Project Cathedral Wings" that would try to raise P25 million was officially created. Also at the meeting were Rose Ong, Dr. Lalaine Rapadas and Percival Atendido.

SAN ANTONIO de Padua fundraising committee: Pedro Salonga, Angie Salazar, Bella Bermundo, Cory Quirino, Tony Medina, Minda Torres, Melanie and Claro Delavin

A concelebrated Mass in April that year at San Jose Seminary Chapel, officiated by Bishop Baylon and Masbate priests, officially launched the project. Those who came to give their support were Sen. Ernesto Maceda, Sen. Francisco Tatad, Ambassador Tony Villamor, Rep. Rizalina Seachon and other well-known Masbateños.

To help the project, Senator Maceda gave a dinner the following month for Bishop Baylon inviting members of his family, Sen. Tessie Oreta, Sen. Gregorio Honasan, Eduardo Cojuangco and Rep. Harry Angpin.

A dinner dance was held at the Quezon City Sports Club in June, followed by a golf tournament in September at the East Ridge Pro-Golf and Country Club, Thanksgiving Mass at the National Power Corp. office in Quezon City, Sunday TV Masses on ABS-CBN.

While these were going on, construction of the cathedral went on and the newly renovated structure was blessed in September 2004 with Legazpi Archbishop Leonardo Legaspi and other bishops from Bicol attending.

But with P5 million more to pay, Tony Medina and friends are intent on raising additional funds. Please help. You can write to Bishop Joel Baylon c/o St. Anthony of Padua Cathedral, Masbate, Masbate.

Pilgrimage

The Department of Tourism in Tuguegarao, Cagayan, headed by Blessie Diwa, Region 2 director, welcomes pilgrims to the Basilica Minore of Our Lady of Piat by preparing a special tour that would also bring them to other places in the province. In the itinerary are Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Tuguegarao; the quaint San Jacinto Chapel in the heart of the city; Iguig Calvary Hills that features the life-size representations of the 14 Stations of the Cross spread on 11 hectares; plus the St. James the Apostle Church, from which sounds of a running horse can be heard.

It is believed that St. James comes out of the church at night and rides through the town on his horse. Call 078-8441621

Trade fair

Five provinces and three cities in Region 2 will hold the "Wow Cagayan North" trade fair at the Clamshell Pavilion in Intramuros on October 7-23. But the pilgrim image of Our Lady of Piat will arrive on Oct. 2 for Masses at 12 noon at the Manila Pavilion Chapel.

'Healers'

Tuguegarao Archbishop Diosdado Talamayan founded the religious order Eucharistic Healers of Mary. Two seminarians—Bro. Lorenzo Marzo and Bro. Narciso Desuyo—will be ordained deacons at 9 a.m., Aug. 8 at the Basilica of Piat.

The seminarians need financial help. Text Brother Renz at 0920-3131767 and Brother Narciso at 0920-4722249; or deposit to savings account no. 3373-1157-61 of Eucharistic Healers of Mary, Bank of the Philippine Islands (Visayas Branch); or write c/o Archbishop Diosdado Talamayan, Archbishop's Residence, Tuguegarao, Cagayan.

Pilgrimage

Julie Torres, mother of Lucy Torres-Gomez, believes she was healed by God through the intercession of St. Padre Pio. In thanksgiving, she is bringing her family to San Giovanni Rotondo in a pilgrimage arranged by Adam's Travel. With them are Bro. Chito and Tez Bertol who hold Healing Masses at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at the Manila Seedling Bank Hall of Prayer.

The trip includes Rome, Pisa Lanciano, Monte Cassino, Genoa, Nice, Monte Carlo, Paray Le Monial, Nevers, which has the incorruptible body of St. Bernadette, Lourdes and Paris.

Call Tez Bertol, tour coordinator, at 0921-3431788 or text Ana at 0915-5514468; or call 5211651 or 5211698. The group will leave Nov. 3 and return Nov. 23.

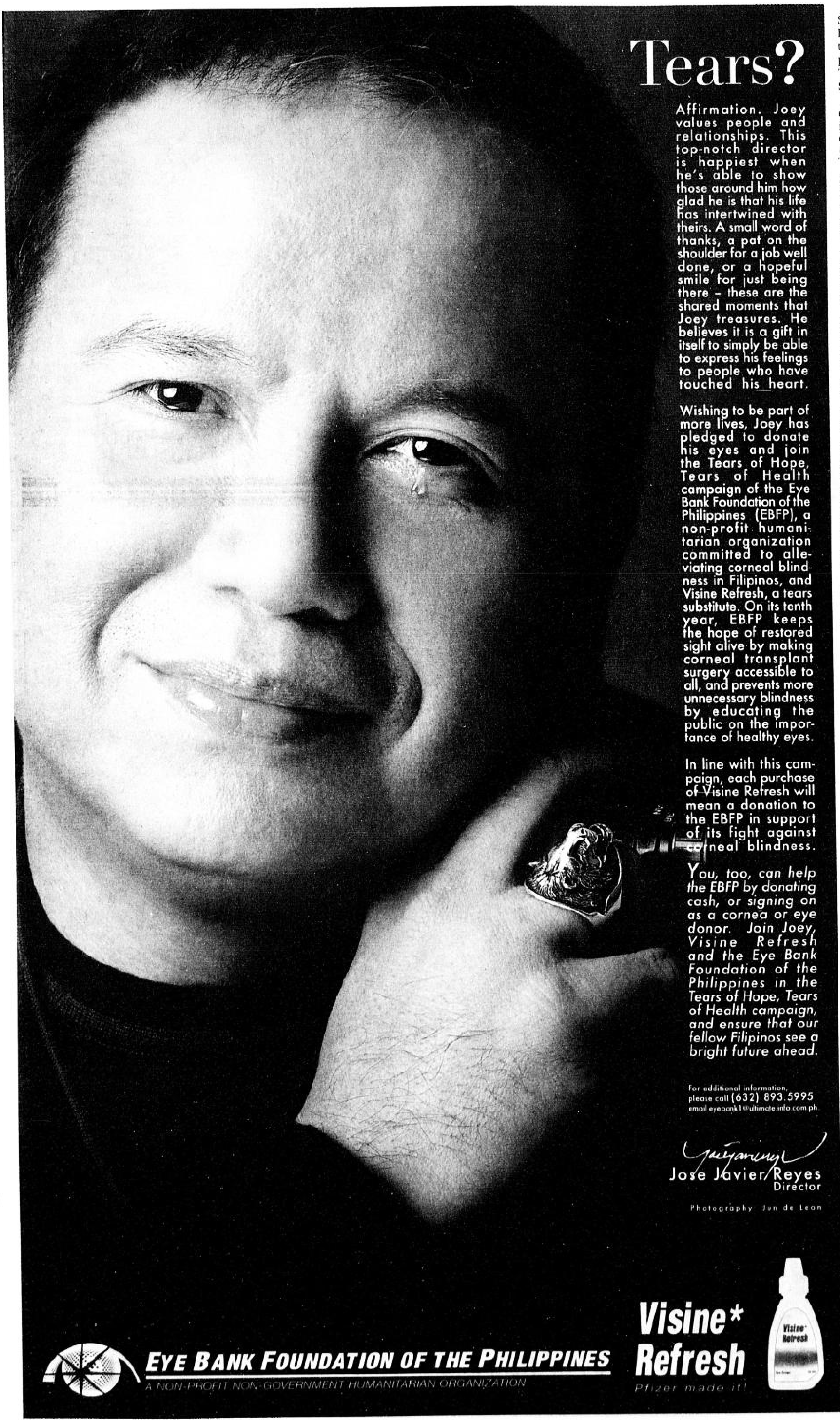
Children of Light

Remy Alcantara, whose husband Edmundo died May 21, told me she found consolation in the activities of the Children of Light Catholic Community to which she belongs. The community, founded by Sis. Lourdes Carredo, is celebrating its ninth anniversary on July 17, 8 a.m.-12 noon, at the Caloocan High School, 10th Ave., Caloocan City.

The community is at 851 Oroquieta, Sta Cruz, Manila. Call 7351144.

Feast day

The feast day of Rosa Mystica is July 13. A special Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 p.m., July 13 at Don Bosco Church by Fr. Bernie Carpio.



Tears?

Affirmation. Joey values people and relationships. This top-notch director is happiest when he's able to show those around him how glad he is that his life has intertwined with theirs. A small word of thanks, a pat on the shoulder for a job well done, or a hopeful smile for just being there – these are the shared moments that Joey treasures. He believes it is a gift in itself to simply be able to express his feelings to people who have touched his heart.

Wishing to be part of more lives, Joey has pledged to donate his eyes and join the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

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How do you solve a problem like my father?

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR Emily,

I am 32 years old and have been happily married for eight years. My happy marriage has produced a son, now a 1½-year-old. I have adopted Holland as my country for the last eight years.

My mother is a retired high-school teacher and all three of my siblings are professionals. My oldest sister is also a teacher, my second sister is taking care of our properties in the province and my only brother is here in Holland and working in Schiphol airport. I am the youngest in the family and working as well in the IT department of a Japanese company.

My father abandoned us when I was 3 months old. So I don't really know him. I saw his picture once or twice and met him briefly for 15 minutes in 1989 at an aunt's house. He never supported us and it was my mother who saw us through.

The only good thing about my father is his sister, who is also here in Holland, who helped us pay our tuition fees in the university. And we are not turning our back on her. We were raised by my mother who told us not to forget our "*utang na loob*" to this aunt. I visit her here in Holland once a month and she comes and baby-sits my son when we have evening appointments. We are that close.

Now, my father is back. He appeared from out of the blue. He claims that he doesn't have anybody anymore, that he is retired, sickly and has nowhere to go. He returned to live at their house where my sister lives, which is two houses away from my mom's. They're practically neighbors!

All the pain he has caused has come back and he acts as if nothing happened. He hasn't given any apologies and he doesn't want to talk about the past. And he has not stopped lying. He even claims he doesn't have any other family, but we know that he has a child as I had him investigated in the Philippines when I was still there. He is very sickly and broke, so my aunt here in Amsterdam is sending him money. He says he needs medical clearance to be able to get his monthly pension.

How do we deal with him? My aunt will be there for a six-month vacation and I am also coming home for the Christmas holidays. We have to visit my aunt, but how will I react to him? Do I have to go with the flow and be nice to him? Do I have to introduce him to my son and let him get to know us? He never mentioned that he wants to come back to us. He doesn't even know me and has not even asked about me!

And what about my sister who now lives with him? Should she move out? Out of respect for my aunt, my sister doesn't dare to move out of the house, but it's just so unthinkable that my sister is taking care of him now that he is sick. That is what's troubling me now.

DONNA

Yes, I know—makes you want to feed him to the dogs or hang him by the lamp post, don't you? Can't really blame you at all for not feeling friendly toward him. But as they say, past is past and; like it or not, you have to move on like the wind. The alternative is to rot and stink if you didn't.

You share blood lines, and for what it's worth—rotten that he is—you can never undo his being a father to you.

Thank heaven for people like his sister, your aunt, who took over his obligations for him. In deference to her, set aside whatever revulsion you feel for him. You have to be polite and civil to this man. You can do it. After all, aren't you civil to strangers you meet in the street?

Difficult as it is, you have to forgive him for what he has done to you all. There really are some men who are as sensitive as the back of a turtle and they will never own up to the havoc they've inflicted on their families.

But try to understand him now. Clearly, he is down and out and about to be obliterated by the world. In the deepest recesses of his muddled heart, he knows he did you wrong but he probably feels so naked in his humiliation that he'd rather act obnoxious and pretend like nothing happened. That could be his way of holding on to the last fibers of his manhood. He is having the worst punishment he could have dreamed of!

Though you were traumatized by the relationship of your parents, you're still a happy young married woman, and such convolutions in life may seem farfetched from where you are now. But you will learn and understand as you mature that such things happen and because of it, or in spite of it, you have become better persons bearing strong characters. Look at you now—all professionals who have made your mother proud.

Your sister could be turning the other cheek for your father. If there's not much conflict in their being together in the house—let it slide. Time heals all wounds, believe it or not. What you're feeling is just the scar of long ago. Be nice to him when you meet. Open your heart and mind bit by bit if you're scared of the unknown. You never knew him, so how do you know you'll not like him?

Don't forget that half your genes came from him and if you're not so bad, a nano part of him can't be too bad, either. Give him kindness this time—this old dog may still learn a lesson or two from it, though a bit late in the day.

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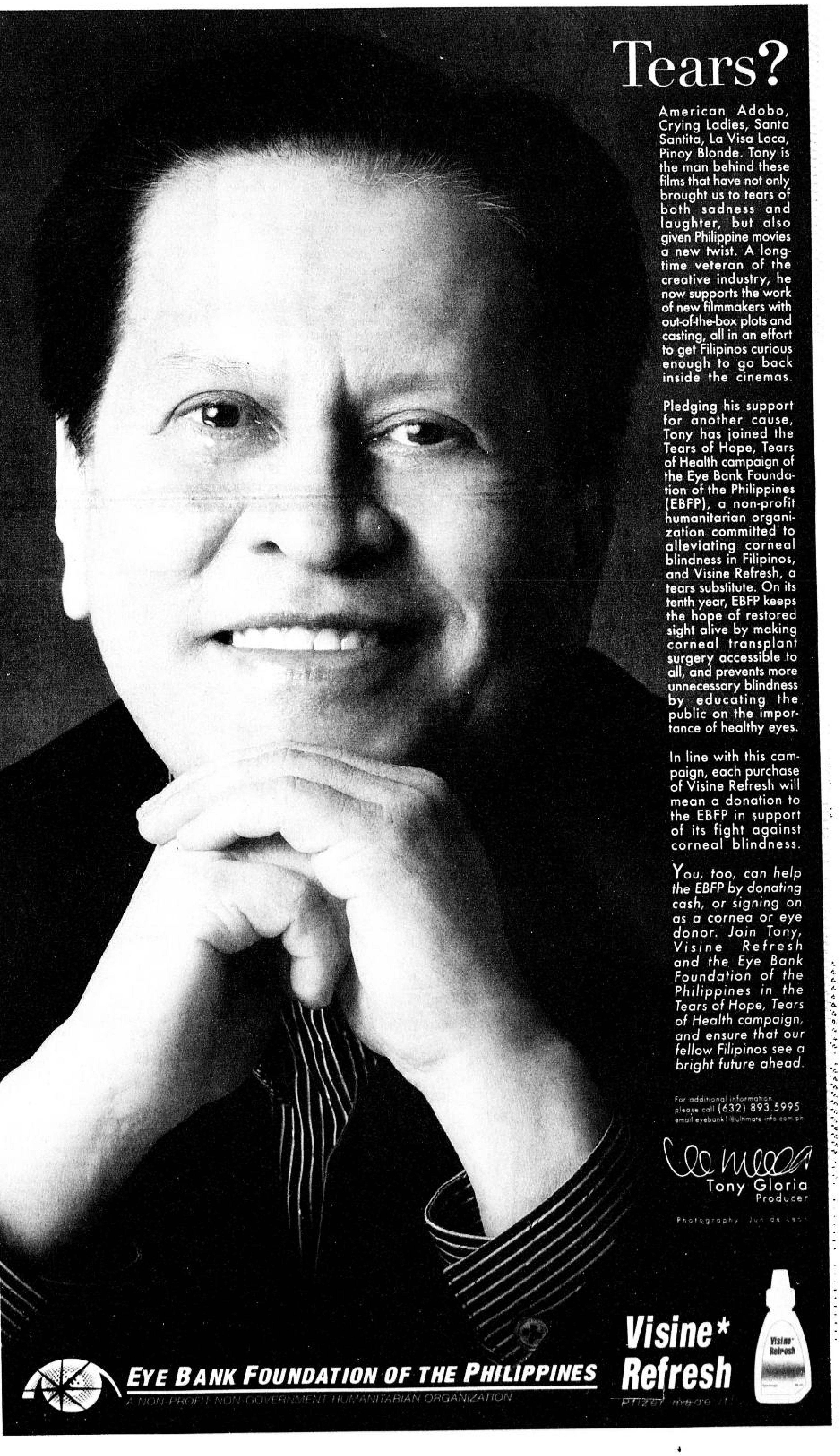

Tears?

American Adobo, Crying Ladies, Santa Santita, La Visa Loca, Pinoy Blonde. Tony is the man behind these films that have not only brought us to tears of both sadness and laughter, but also given Philippine movies a new twist. A long-time veteran of the creative industry, he now supports the work of new filmmakers with out-of-the-box plots and casting, all in an effort to get Filipinos curious enough to go back inside the cinemas.

Pledging his support for another cause, Tony has joined the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

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13 bishops, 8 priests preside at Hazell-Tatad wedding

THE GROOM'S father, Paul Hazell, and the bride's mother, Fenny Tatad

WHEN former Sen. Francisco "Kit" Tatad walked his daughter Raissa up the aisle of the Christ the King, Green Meadows Church recently, 13 bishops and eight priests stood at the altar with the groom, Paul Alexander Navendra Hazell.

Among those waiting to perform the wedding ceremony were the Most Rev. DF Carmelo Morelos, DD, archbishop of Zamboanga; Most Rev. Ramon C. Arguelles, DD, archbishop of Lipa; Most Rev. Jose C. Sorra, DD, bishop emeritus of Legazpi; Most Rev. Nestor C. Cariño, DD, bishop of Legazpi; Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD, bishop of Novaliches; Most Rev. Emilio Z. Marquez, DD, bishop of Lucena; Most Rev. Benjamin J. Almonedo, DD, bishop of Daet; Most Rev. Prospero N. Arellano, DD, bishop of Libmanan; Most Rev. Manolo A. de los Santos, DD, bishop of Virac; Most Rev. Antonieto D. Cabajog, DD, bishop of Surigao; Most Rev. Jose Francisco F. Olivares DD, bishop of Malolos; Most Rev. Honesto T. Ongtioco, DD, bishop of Cubao; and Most Rev. Lucito B. Quiambao, DD, auxilliary bishop of Legazpi.

A moving rendition by Hangad of "On Eagle's Wings" and "Now We Remain" provided the background during the Holy Communion. Afterwards, prayers were recited for the couple by the parents, Tatad and his wife, the former Fenny Cantero, and Paul and Indra Hazell:

"Teach them the true meaning of self-giving, of sacrifice. Let them see the hand of God in every trial that comes their way."

The bride and groom responded by paying tribute to their parents:

"We thank you for our parents who have nurtured and guided us through their lifelong examples of character, wisdom and love."

The concluding rites were capped by the singing of "Salve Regina."

Reception followed at the Garden Ballroom of the Edsa Shangri-La Plaza Hotel.

Mr. and Ms Paul Hazell

CECILLE Pastrada, Corazon Tan, Elizabeth Carandang, Carmen Razon Arceno, Maria Raissa Tatad Hazell, Paul Alexander Navendra Hazell, Augusto Francisco Mier, Rene Bas, Calixto Laureano and José Camus

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When planning the date consider the weather—whether the most important people have scheduled commitments for that day that they cannot change and whether some huge event in town may interfere with traffic patterns around your wedding location or reception.

Avoid excesses

You should certainly try to personalize your ceremony. However, please avoid excesses, such as three or four voice solos, extended memorized speeches or poems, or singing songs to each other.

Weigh the cuteness factor versus the unpredictability factor when thinking about using children under the age of five in the ceremony.

Make sure the groom has some involvement in the planning, even if you have utterly no respect for his judgment!

Understand that this wedding is also the joining of two entire families. Celebrate each side's uniqueness and emphasize the things you have in common.

White chalk

On the day of the wedding, the bride should have a bag packed for the church and reception that assumes she's staying overnight for two days. An emergency pair of this and that, plus white chalk for touching up smudges on white shirts, blouses and dresses.

Save yourself money and do not bring your checkbook to the wedding. Let your vendors know that you will mail them the remainder of the balance after the wedding. Having a checkbook handy may set you up for getting "hustled" for extra expenses while you are in a giddy mood.

Do not plan to leave on your honeymoon immediately. This invites disappointment and ill feelings since both of you will be extremely exhausted right after the wedding. Wait a few days, open gifts, sleep in late, slow down and rest before you pack and take off on your honeymoon.

Above all, the most important thing is to prioritize fun over everything being perfect. Something unexpected is almost certain to happen. However, newly weds who simply focus on enjoying their wedding day and having fun instead of insisting that everything be perfect will be more flexible when something unfortunate or unexpected happens.

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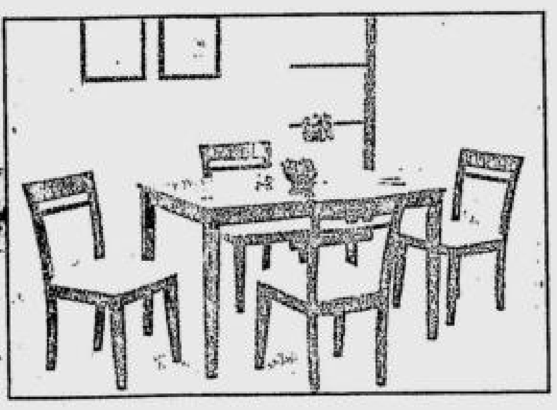

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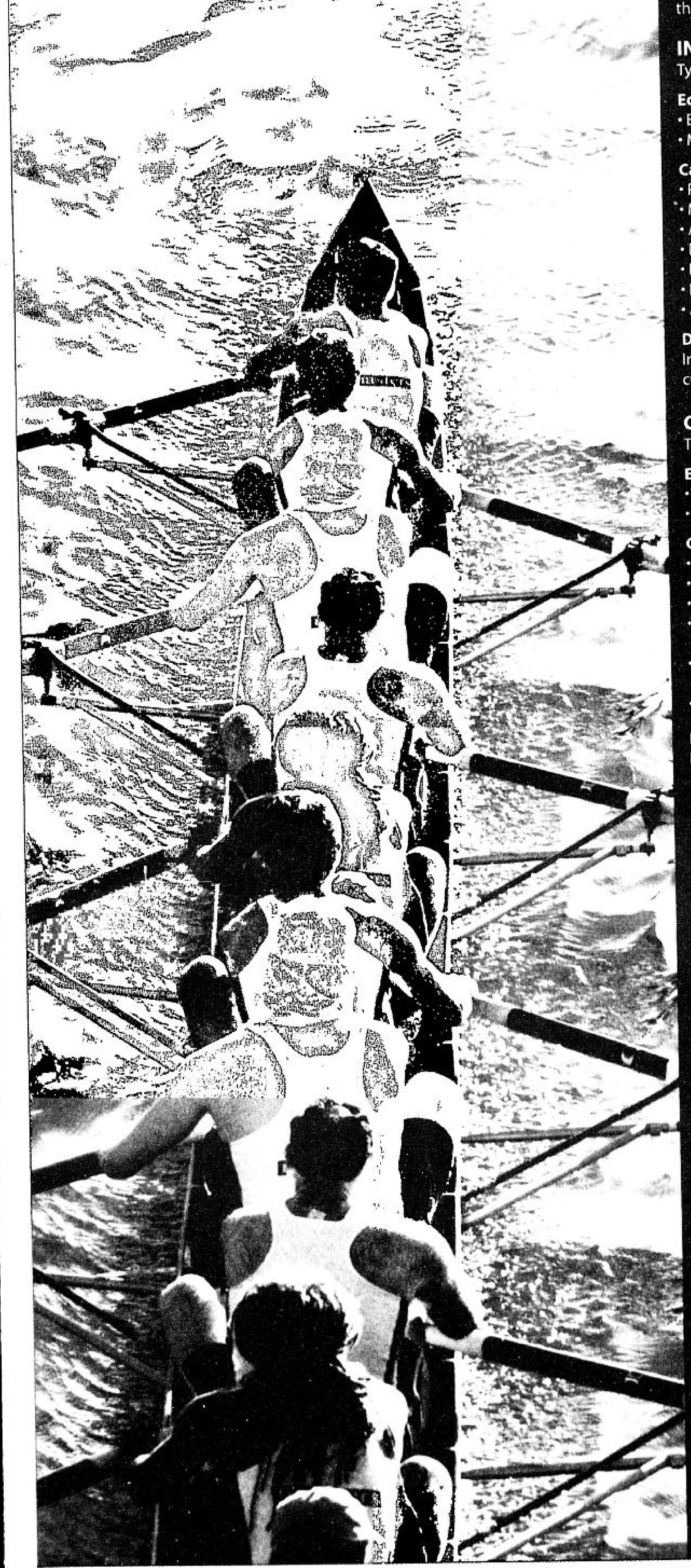

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Candidate Profile
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- Must be flexible and willing to be assigned to varying work hours
- Able to relate with customers courteously, and develop rapport
- Dependable and has good work ethic
- Pays attention to detail
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Candidate Profile
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- Must be flexible and willing to be assigned to varying work hours
- Able to relate with customers courteously, and develop rapport
- Dependable and has good work ethic
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- Is fluent in English and communicates effectively
- Able to solve problems creatively and effectively

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Marketing Officer
- Graduate of Marketing or any business course
- 2 years experience in product promotion, advertising and other related marketing skills
- Excellent communication & interpersonal skills

Account Executive
- College graduate, w/ 1+ experience in Sales
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Store Supervisor
- College graduate; 1+ year supervisory experience in retail
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- Strong leadership skills & customer service oriented

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- With good communication & presentation skills
- Highly creative & w/ store planning experience

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Fashion Designer
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- 3 years experience in garments industry is a must
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- Hands on knowledge of fabrics & their costs
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HR/Payroll Coordinator
- Graduate of Behavioral Science or Accounting.
- with at least two (2) years of experience.
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- Computer literate

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Accounting Supervisor
- Accounting graduate, (FEMALE), CPA
- With 2 years working experience
- Proficient in MS Office application
- Strong analytical, communication & interpersonal skills

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Male or Female

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- Must be computer literate and willing to do field work

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- ○ web design and web application development
- ○ XML and web services

Must be creative, organized, detail-oriented, self-motivated and self-reliant
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Fluent in English – oral and written

SALES EXECUTIVE
Male or female, not more than 35 years old
Must have at least 2 years experience in selling and promoting footwear
Fluent in English – oral or written
With pleasing personality and good fashion sense
Computer literate

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Female, 24-29 yrs. old, college level, at least 1 yr. work experience preferably doing Admin. work, has very good computer skills, knowledge in POS is an advantage, has good attention to detail, accurate, articulate, flexible, trustworthy and dependable.

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The Requirements
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- Strong communication skills
- Result-oriented
- Experience in franchising would be an advantage

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Requirements.
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- Bachelor of Science in Accountancy (BSA)
- Computer literate
- Must have experience in audit works
- Must have the right attitude towards assigned responsibility and willing to take the extra mile and grow with the company.

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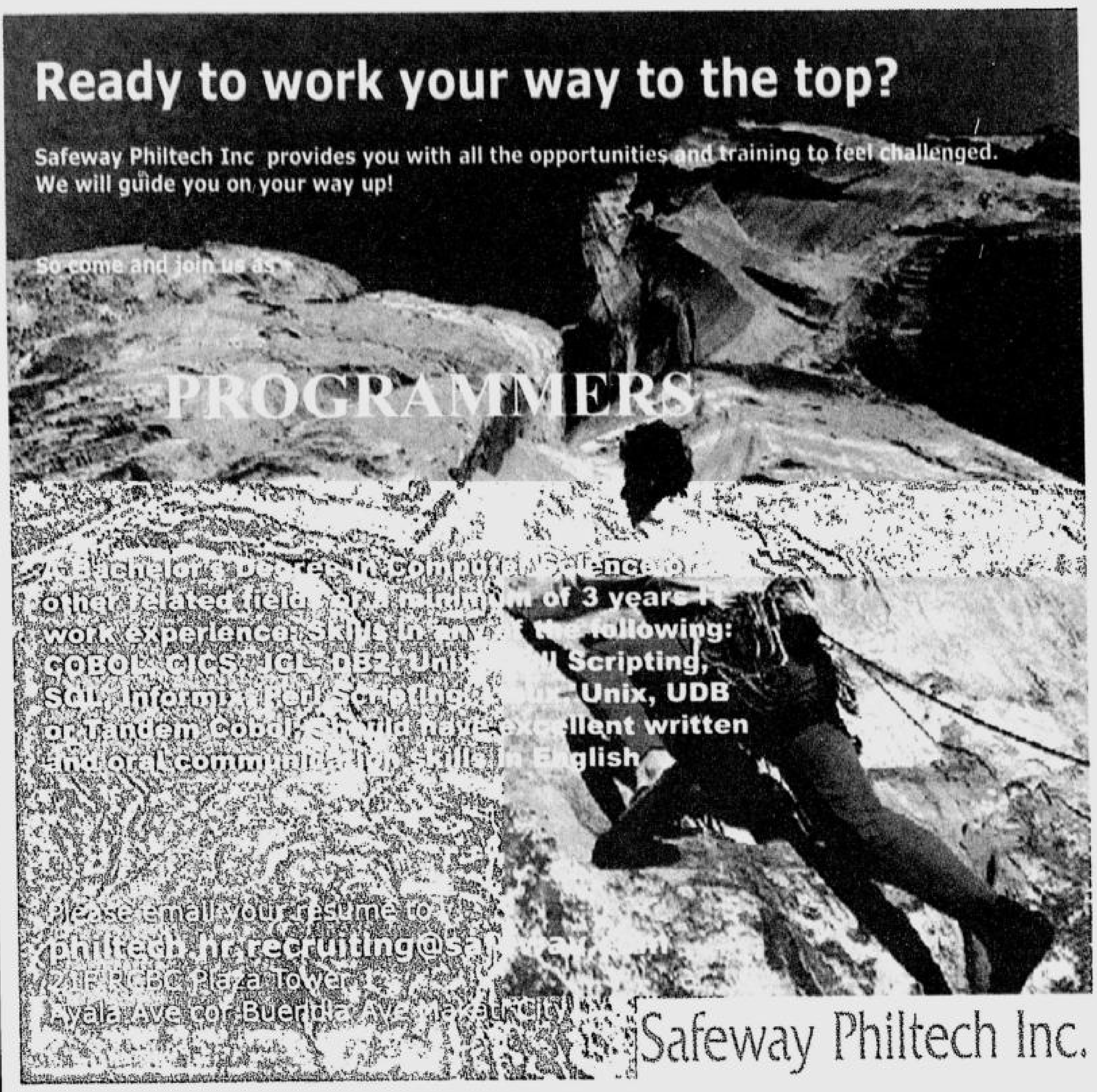

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Please email your resume to:
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CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS and SUPERVISORS

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:
- Candidate must possess at least a Bachelor's Degree
- Preferably with experience in customer service; Financial and/or payments processing background is an asset
- Exposure with international Call Center is an advantage
- Must be Computer literate, and Internet-savvy
- Excellent English verbal and oral communication skills; Ability to speak other languages aside from English is an asset
- Must be able to solve problems creatively and effectively
- Must be willing to work on a 24-hour shifting schedule
- Must be willing to work in Makati

** Those with supervisory experience may be considered for positions of higher responsibility.*

JOB SCOPE:
- Provide customer service support through phone or email to an international customer base
- Highly critical, challenging, investigative job dealing in internet fraud prevention

** We will provide more detailed job scope to shortlisted candidates.*

CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER

Same BASIC QUALIFICATIONS as above, PLUS:
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- Preferably with experience working in a multi-cultural environment
- Able to start work IMMEDIATEL Y

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  - o Windows 2000/2003 Server, Active Directories (including policy management, roaming profiles)
  - o MS Outlook/Outlook Express
  - o TCP/IP and Networking
  - o PABX/VoIP systems
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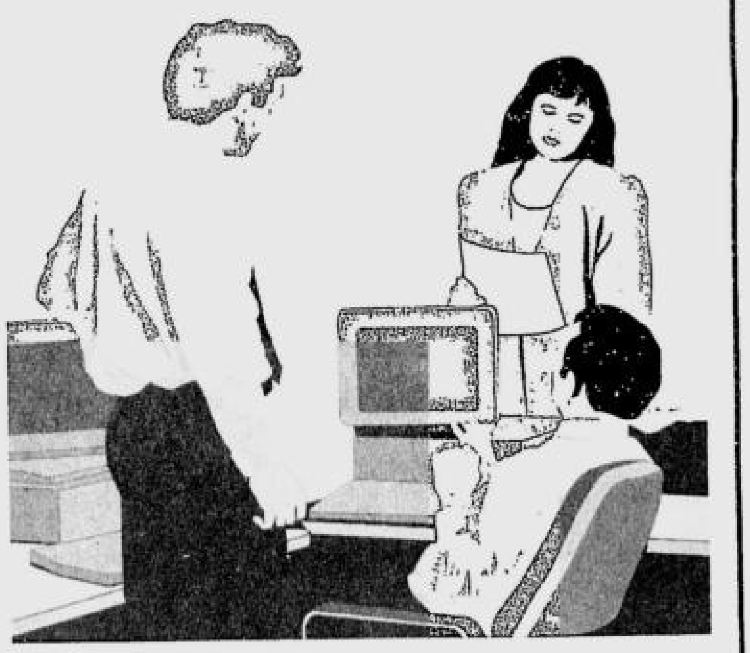

FINANCE CONTROLLER

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:
- 10+ years general accounting experience, 5+ years at a Controller level or managerial position
- Bachelor's degree in Accounting; must be CPA; MBA is a plus
- Multi-country & foreign-parent company experience
- A "working manager" work style with ability to understand details of accounting issues and make appropriate decisions
- Significant integrated accounting system experience
- Demonstrated work experience having been both tactical and strategic
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English

JOB SCOPE:
- Prepares all financial reports, reportorial requirements by parent company, tax returns, and various required statutory reports
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- Provide financial input and leadership to the top management team with the development of tactical budget and long-range strategic planning process
- Evaluate and advise on the financial and operational impact of this short and long range planning
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Requirements: Application Letter, Resumé, Transcript of Records, Diploma, Certificates of Seminars/Trainings, NBI/Police Clearance,Drug Test/Medical Certificate, Neuro-Psychiatric Test, Employment Certificate, Employment/Accountability Clearance.

Submit all requirements not later than July 15, 2005 – PSMBFI Admin &HR Department, GF DPRM Annex Bldg. Camp Crame, Quezon City – 726-8070

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- The candidate will assist the Sr. Sales Manager of Fompac Plastic Corporation in meeting the revenue targets. Will manage key accounts and manage a team of sales professionals assigned to him. He/she will be tasked to ensure maximum sales of all packaging products within his/her area of responsibility, implement sales activities and develop sales and marketing programs.
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Bachelor of Science in Journalism, English, Mass Communication and other related courses
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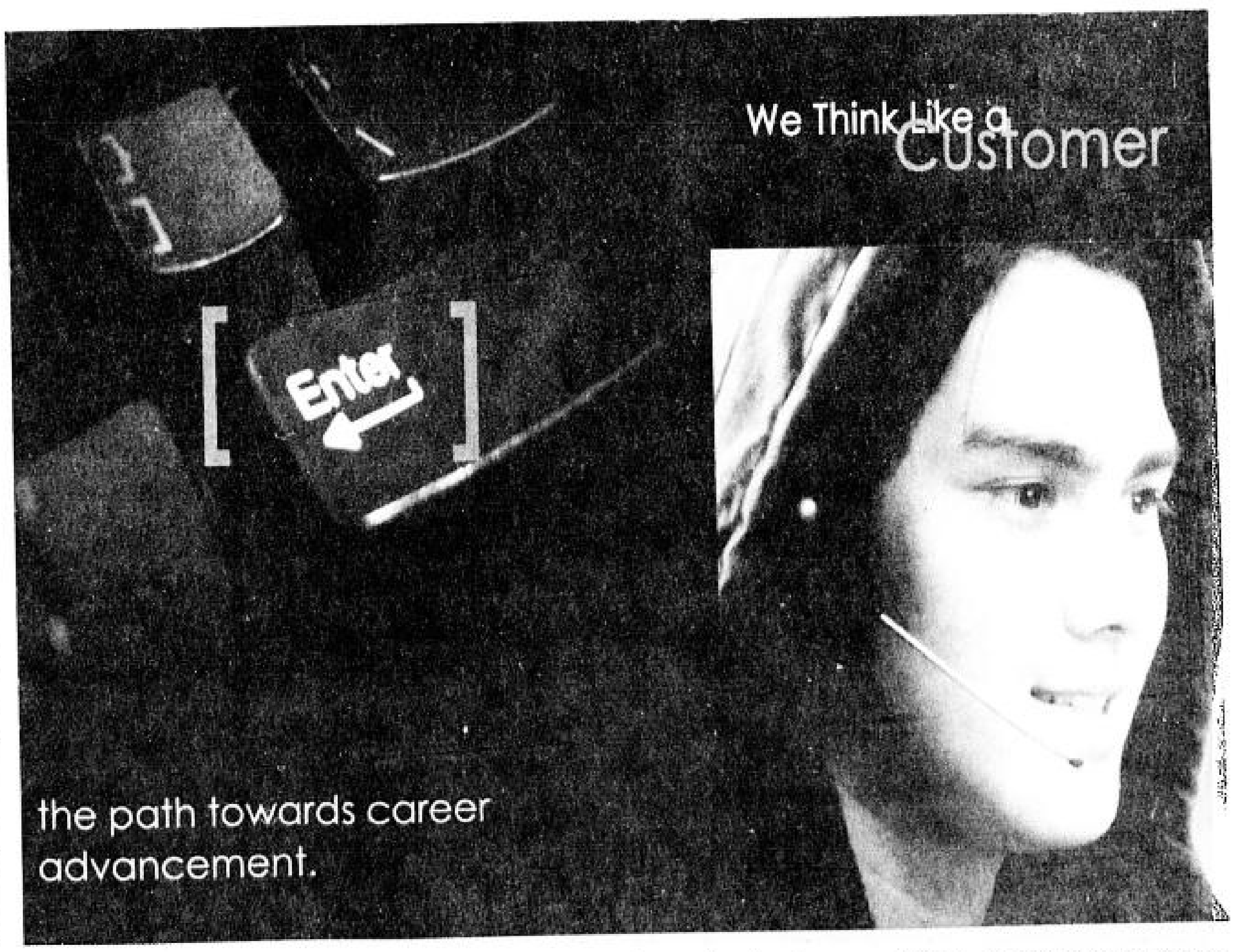
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- Advise and assist SNV in developing a tourism advisory programme and contributing to tourism knowledge management

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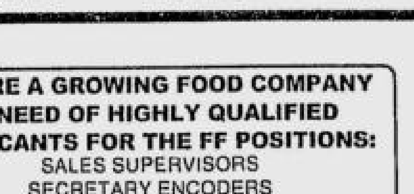
Please e-mail your applications with salary expectation to jeremiah_gabriel@wvi.org or write to WORLD VISION DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, C/O HRD (Attn: Jerry Gabriel), 833 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City,Philippines, PO Box 3306, Quezon City, CPO 1173, Quezon City, or call us at (632) 3747618. Deadline of submission of application is July 24, 2005.



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- Candidate must have a Bachelor's degree
- Preferably with at least six (6) months relevant work experience
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- Candidate must be a graduate of Marketing, Management or any business-related course
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- Candidate must be a graduate of Industrial Engineering or related course
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- Must have average communication skills
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- At least college level
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- Minimum of 2 years work experience

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- Female, 20-27 years old
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Wife's successful career is eroding marriage

By Josie O. Santamaria

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

I READ with great interest your article on May 29 in which you taught your values clarification exercise. I tried to use the same process but decided to write you also so that you can tailor fit your advice to my real and current situation.

I'm 45 years old, married for 18 years and mother of five children, all of whom are going to good schools. I'm very lucky with my work and career. I rose from sales representative in the consumer health industry in a local company and through a series of corporate changes, I am now the sales and marketing director of one of the multinational consumer health companies in our country. Of course, I enjoy all the perks that go with my position. My work requires me to travel to the different cities in the Philippines, to major cities in Asia and also to our corporate headquarters abroad for business.

My problem is that my husband is not as successful in his career as I am. We both started as medical representatives in a local pharmaceutical company where we met. As of now, he is only a sales supervisor in the company we had worked for, while I have been "pirated" at least twice to where I am now. He doesn't have any ambition to move higher. I earn much more than he does and this is the reason why we are able to send our five children to good schools and have a driver and a car at my children's disposal. Once, I was able to bring my family for a month-long vacation in the US. He sulks when I go home late in the evenings or when I have to travel abroad. He ignores me, looks at the TV or plays the DVD when I'm home.

I hate to admit it but our marriage and our relationship are affected by my career success and the big responsibilities that go with it. We have been quarreling about my frequent absences from home. We would not be on speaking terms to each other for days, weeks and even a month, until I initiate our getting together again. He criticizes me to our children in a bid to get their sympathy and to alienate them from me.

I still love my husband and cannot imagine my life without him. I want to continue what I'm doing and at the pace with which I'm doing them, but he is making a big issue of it. He does not appreciate that my work supports the lifestyle that we have. Why can't he be happy with what we are now and what we have? Why can't he support me and my career since, to be blunt about this, I'm the one getting the breaks? I can't get this through to him without us quarreling and he ending up sulking in silence.

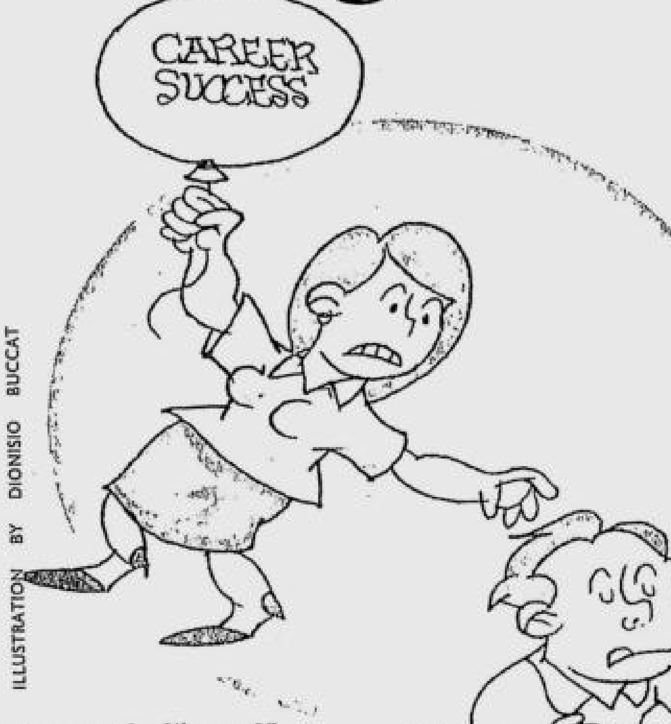
Ms Career Wife

While your career is very important to you, your relationship with your husband is just as important because you write that you "still love your husband" and are greatly affected by the rift in your relationship. You are unhappy, despite your career success, because he is unhappy.

Unfortunately for you, you are the one who holds the key to your relationship. You have no control over your husband's feelings and behavior. The more successful you are, the more he feels isolated and alienated. Any attempt you make to get "this through to him" only hurts him. And he reacts by retreating and by passive aggression. He feels inferior towards you and insecure about his status in your family. You cannot make him feel happy about your success, feel grateful about and enjoy the trappings of success that you bring to your family.

Different paradigms

You may not be aware of it, but your success gives you a feeling of superiority over him, which you express unconsciously in the tone of your voice, body language, gestures, and even the choice of words. Your body language seems to be saying, "Don't you forget, I'm earning more..." or "Why can't you be like me?"



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Right now you want it all: career success, self-fulfillment, a happy marriage and family. You define the latter as one where your husband supports and is happy about your career success and where he and your children accept and are happy with your business travels and frequent absences from home. After all, you justify it by thinking that they benefit from the perks that go with your career success.

Feedback from family

This is obviously not the way your husband defines a happy marriage. Since both of you are not in sync, he reacts by retreating into silence and this frustrates and angers you. Don't expect your husband to have your ambitions, your drives, your values and your goals. You are two different persons.

Since you sought my advice, here it is:

First, ask your children, individually or as a group, what they think and feel about your work and career, about you as their mother, about their father and your relationship with him, in this order. Allow them to speak; listen to them. Accept what they say. You might have some paradigm shifts here.

Time off

Second, because you said that your marriage is important to you, take time off from work and listen to God speak to your heart. You could take a one-on-one retreat or go to a professional marriage counselor. Doing both is better. This might help you change your mindset about your self, your work and career, your role in marriage and family, etc. You may want to see a marriage counselor at the Ateneo's Center for Family Ministries (tel. no. 426-4289). These will help you in the values clarification process that you may need to do again, but only after you have experienced paradigm shift.

Third, invite your husband to take a Marriage Encounter Weekend (MEW) with you to help both of you learn authentic communication, i.e, how to speak from your heart. The Christian Family Movement (tel. nos. 724-6747 and 412-2738) and the Magis Deo (tel. no: 426-7191) are among the organizations that offer the MEW for married couples, both the happy ones and those desiring to strengthen their marriages. Some parishes are sponsoring these. Call Egay and Jaja Belir (cell phone no. 0918-935-6970), or Lito and Beebut Javier (cell phone no. 0917-577-5374) for MEW schedules in July and August this year. Or try a weekend given by Retrouvaille (tel. no. 525-0308) and ask for Fr. Dave Clay.

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What if you are working and unhappy?

WORKING WOUNDED

Bob Rosner

DEAR Readers: The media does a pretty good job of covering what it is like trying to survive when you are unemployed. And this serves an important role of reminding us how tough it can be out there. But we seldom spend much time looking at people who have jobs but are still miserable. The e-mail below clearly describes what it means to be Working Wounded.

"Dear WW: I know your readers don't want to hear about someone working in a seemingly good job with good pay who is still unhappy. I am and I'm not alone.

"In the current economy, employers can force anything onto any employee, take benefits away or otherwise abuse the employee. Where is the employee going to go? There are hundreds of people that are lined up ready to take my position. Even worse is the fact that our jobs are all going overseas where you can literally have six people in India for the cost of a single salary in the US. My company uses this and the threat of termination so much that it is part of the corporate culture. 'The offshore people work 15 hours a day and all weekend' implying that we should all do the same.

"In less than two years, they have quadrupled healthcare copayments, taken away most of our vacation time, forced us into a much longer commute and told us we aren't working hard enough. Some would say, if you don't like it, well then leave. But realistically where can you go? How many of your readers are surfing the job boards everyday to no avail?

"Remember the days, not so long ago, that you called a recruiter and they found you a job? Try to get a recruiter to call you back these days. Most of them are searching the job boards and posting positions that they weren't hired to recruit for in the hope that they will get a commission out of it. And, when you do talk to a recruiter, their suggestion is 'have you tried the job boards?' It is so frustrating. I know there are so many people much worse off than me but what about all of the people like me?

"There have been so many times that I just wanted to quit, but I can't. I have a wife and kids and a mortgage and my working wife's income alone can't sustain us. I work for a manager who is arrogant and stupid; how do you reason with someone like that? He wants no negative input and only wants to hear 'yes.' How can corporate America afford 'Yes Men/Women'? Even worse, how can they afford to have someone running multiple departments leaving a path of destruction in their wake?

"There are many of out here employed and I believe more miserable and stressed out than some people who are unemployed. And what is going to happen to companies who abuse their workforce like this when the economy does get better?"

Here are the results from a recent workingwounded.com/ABCnews.com online ballot: What do you think of someone who is Working But Unhappy?

—Stop whining and work on your attitude, 11.2 percent

—It's your job to make your job bearable, 17.9 percent

—Start working on your resume, 70.8 percent

(Mr. Rosner, an internationally syndicated columnist, author and speaker, is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. E-mail him at bob@workingwounded.com.)

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Fruitful work

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

THERE are workers who are very good in the beginning of their employment and would get the favor and approval of employers with their excellent work performance. They approach work with the right attitudes, like considering work as a God-given task in life or accepting that work is an essential element in attaining one's happiness and that of their loved ones. They would also do their jobs with noble intentions such as to give of themselves in service to the family and society, or even to render worship and honor to God, who is the source of the strength and energy to do the work.

There are some workers, however, who, as they progress in their jobs, would become proud and haughty (*"lumalaki ang ulo"*) or demand greater pay or feel indispensable (*"nagpapa-presyo"*); or they would get distracted by personal problems and other anxieties that they would start to perform badly in their work, sometimes to the extent of losing their jobs altogether. How then can everyone in the workplace sustain having positive attitudes in order to make work "bear fruit and yield a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold"?

The teaching of Jesus to be humble and open enough to "hear the word and understand it" is worth considering. God's word is spoken also in the workplace through many ways including the ordinary events, the usual interactions with coworkers or with supervisors, and even the monotonous grind of the ordinary work day—all these which, when understood with faith and love for God, and accepted with a prayerful and humble attitude, will indeed lead the worker toward accomplishing fruitful, satisfying work. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

The listening heart

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

ONCE at lunch, we happened to talk about a problem coworker who'd often air his woes and blame others for them. He was so hardheaded, we couldn't figure out how to make him see that he was the one causing trouble for himself and others. We were incredulous over the fact that he would regularly do "undertime" to attend bible study sessions every Friday—pretty "religious," you might say—and at times would even quote bible passages to support his erratic conclusions. Finally, in exasperation, one of us blurted out: "What's his birthday, anyway? *Baka* Taurus." It turned out that Taurus is indeed his zodiac sign. "*Ay, kaya pala matigas ang ulo eh*! Taurus, the bull!" and we all laughed, finding temporarily relief for our anxiety over stubbornness.

While we might be willing to see a fraction of the truth in that easy explanation, we also knew that we would all have to work harder if we must improve things and find job satisfaction at the workplace. Like this case which reminds us of the seed in today's Gospel, which must have fallen on rocky or thorny grounds. The parable is quite explicit in stressing the need to be real, authentic, in pursuing our goals in the workplace where we are expected to be productive. You can read the bible a hundred times over and still remain wedged in mediocrity if His words do not take root in your listening heart and guide you through your thoughts and deeds from day to working day. Rootedness in the Master's teachings can give you the wisdom to navigate through any kind of trials, whether caused by bosses, peers or subordinates—and whatever their zodiac signs. (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)

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Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23

But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold

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Multi-awarded call center attributes success to its highly trained people

By Candy G. Villanueva
Contributor

PERCOLATORS in cafés are bubbling nonstop. Fast food chains that used to close shop by 10 p.m. are now running 24/7. Business districts are a buzz even in the wee hours of the morning. But more than these enterprises, it's the people that are really benefiting from the sudden boom of the call center industry.

Fresh graduates are given a crack at earning a decent wage even without the benefit of experience. Those who wish to change paths in the middle of their careers are given better options. Even those who started late in the game are given the opportunity at world-class training and experience. In these bleak moments in our economy, the call center boom may just be the saving grace of our country.

"This call center phenomenon has opened up the Philippines to international competition. The technology of being able to do the work from any destination in the world has allowed the Filipinos to be a part of this international labor pool market," says Benedict Hernandez, eTelecare vice president and general manager.

A fast growing company, eTelecare realizes the ever-growing potential of the call center industry and is taking advantage. They would want to see the Philippines at the helm of the industry. They aim to do this by offering world-class service and premium service programs through highly skilled employees. With several industry awards, they have proven that they are taking their mission seriously.

Global competitiveness

A multi-awarded company, eTelecare is a recipient of 2001 Gold Award Inbound Business-to-Consumer Services, 2002 Best Outsourcer, 2002 Excellence in Customer Relations Management, 2003 Best In Show and 2004 Inbound/ Outbound just to name a few. Founded in 1999, eTelecare Global Solutions is a call center operation that caters to financial, computer and tele communications firms with four call centers in the Philippines and eight in the US. Combining the management experience of former McKin sey consultants with affordable, highly educated agents, eTelecare raises the bar for quality and lowers the overall costs of service. eTelecare recently acquired Phase 2 Solutions, a leading US service provider, to be able to compete globally.

"We are now competing with everybody else in the world," reminds eTelecare's general manager. Hernan dez shares that most of their competitors are US-based. Companies in Canada, Ireland, India and Dubai are also joining in the fray. He claims that there are a lot of call centers that are much bigger today. But Hernandez is not the least bit intimidated. He is confident that the Filipinos are advanced in terms of technical proficiency and customer service skills.

"The good news about the call center business is that we can now be accessed as a talent pool by other countries. Call centers are displaying the capability of Filipinos to be topnotch in the world." He states that even up and coming call centers in Dubai, for example, are planning to get agents from the Philippines.

This fact challenges eTelecare to strive even harder to produce world-class agents as a foundation for world-class service.

To ensure that they have the best people in their team, eTelecare is careful about the hiring process and maintain the strictest standards. The lucky few who pass eTelecare's rigorous recruitment process undergo extensive training, continuous improvement coaching and performance-based bonus programs. "We have a very comprehensive rigorous training process aside from the fact that we select the best of the best out there by hiring only about two percent from the 700,000 people we screen," says Hernandez.

Employee development

eTelecare invests in cultivating three primary skills of their people. Communication skills, problem-solving skills and interaction skills are all covered by eTele cares's training development program. But that is only one area of the comprehensive training process. Aiming to develop the eTelecare employee as a well-rounded individual, the company formed an organizational development department devoted entirely to building the individual's character. The company employs well-known programs like Stephen Covey's "Seven Habits" and special project management courses. The beauty of these programs is that they are available to anyone in the company and not limited to those who show potential.

To date, eTelecare has invested over 130 million pesos in training programs, equipment and facilities. Over 800,000 hours were put in to enhance the level of competence and build the character of their workforce. Time and money have been invested on the people not only to obtain maximum performance, but perhaps more importantly, to add value to their own. "We believe in the holistic and balanced development of people, not only in skills and technical competencies, but also in character development and physical well-being," claims Hernandez.

Awards and recognitions

eTelecare is constantly being recognized for their tireless efforts in creating a culture wherein people are passionate and happy with their work. Recently, they were awarded as top 10 among off-shore companies in Human Capital Development by Neo IT, a leading offshore analyst group.

eTelecare also ranked number in Watson Wyatt Philippines's survey among call center compensation packages. "eTelecare turned out to be number one not because we wanted to be number one. We were just proactive in improving compensation packages. We started high and we kept on evolving in terms of employee packages," says Hernandez. In fact, according to Hernandez, they were never aware of these award-giving bodies until they were informed that they earned recognition.

Last march, eTelecare was again presented the Inbound Business-to-Consumer Award by the Customer Inter@ction Solutions for the fourth time. "Winning four MVP Quality awards in a row shows that our investments in people and processes deliver superior economic returns for our clients and their customers."

(*E-mail feedback to* candyvillanueva@pldtdsl.net)

ETELECARE Cebu site inauguration with President Macapagal-Arroyo and Benedict Hernandez, eTelecare vice president and general manager (extreme right).

Wife's successful career ...

From page 5★★

Their weekend is for couples with troubled marriages.

Another career path

Fourth, you can have a fulfilling career and continue earning well by taking a different career path in your company. Some career paths are not as demanding of time and physical presence, do not require travel, etc. Talk to your own boss and to your HR director for a different career move, perhaps a lateral one.

Fifth, put your heart where your mouth is. If you decide that your priority is your husband, show him your love by spending time with him and with your children. Let me paraphrase a well-known quote: "At your deathbed, you would wish you had spent more time with your family, not with your work. You will be forgotten by your company no matter how great and how big your contributions had been. Your company will not build a monument for you. But you will always leave an imprint of your life on the lives of those you love. They will build a monument of you in their hearts." God bless you.

(Ms Santamaria is the president of Career Systems, Inc., a leading provider of a wide array of career development training programs and consulting services in the Philippines. Send feedback to carsys@careersystems.com.ph.*)*

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Can 'blogging' bog you down at work?

By Ime Morales Aznar
Contributor

HEATHER Armstrong (nee: Hamilton) worked as a web designer in a dot-com startup company in the United States. In 2002, she was fired from her job for writing parodies of her company experiences on her weblog (www.dooce.com). She wrote, and still writes, under the pseudonym of Dooce. The ensuing newspaper write-ups and debate about privacy issues gave rise to the term "dooced," which, according to www.urbandictionary.com, means "to lose one's job because of one's web site."

A blog, according to Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary, is "a web site that contains an online personal journal with reflections, comments and often hyperlinks provided by the writer." Wikipedia defines a weblog (usually shortened to blog, but occasionally spelled web log) as "a web-based publication consisting primarily of periodic articles (normally in reverse chronological order)."

Ground for termination

According to an article that appeared on www.pcworld.com on Feb. 16, Mark Jen of Google, Inc. also lost his job for making statements about the company's financial status in his blog, ninetyninezeros.

On May 23, 2004, www.washingtonpost.com released an article on Jessica Cutler, a former congressional intern and journalist, who ran a blog called Washingtonienne. She caused a scandal by posting details about her sexual activities with older, married men she met while working for a US Senator, who fired her for "unacceptable use of Senate computers."

BBC News Online on October 27, 2004 also published a story on Ellen Simonetti, a flight attendant for Delta, who lost her job after she posted pictures which showed her in uniform aboard a Delta airplane. She was fired for posting "inappropriate pictures in uniform." According to www.careerbuilder.com, there have been similar cases in companies overseas like Wells Fargo, Friendster, Kmart, and Starbucks.

Being careful

Even if blogs are personal online journals and bloggers may feel that they are free to say what they want, "the authors must still be careful about what they say," says Robert Dan Roces, research specialist for Personnel Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP). However, he clarifies that there has been no documented "doocing" yet in the Philippines.

This could be because blogging is not as widespread or popular as in other countries, hence no parameters or guidelines have been set by companies. It could also be because affected individuals did not bother to pursue their cases in the labor courts, or they entered into an amicable settlement with their companies.

Why blog?

The Pinoy blogging scene continues to grow every day. There are people who blog about their daily lives, their hobbies, their relationships, and yes, about their work.

Resty Odon, a writer who maintains a blog, says that he blogs because he needs "an outlet for his writing, I blog because it helps to relax between office jobsand to communicate with the outside world." He admits that he blogs at work, but only because his "employer gives tacit approval, otherwise, I will say it's unethical to blog at work."

Responsible blogging

Virgie Pascual, HR practitioner and PMAP member, offers the following advice for those who have blogs or are thinking of putting up one:

1. Don't blog during office hours. And don't use company resources like computers and Internet connection for blogging. "Working hours should be spent doing work-related activities," Pascual says, "so blogging during working hours is unauthorized use of company time." Employees may not be terminated because of blogging per se, but employers could always look at "how it's affecting your performance; termination then becomes an indirect consequence of one's blogging."

2. Be careful about what you say. Keep in mind that whatever you say will reach a lot of people, so choose your words carefully. Pascual clarifies that "even if you don't name the company, readers can make connections and if you say something damaging, there could be consequences for you."

3. Read and review the company policy. Acquaint yourself with the material and look at the prohibitions cited therein. See if it states any rules or restrictions that could apply to blogging.

Respect for others' rights

Odon also gives this advice: "If blogging interferes with your line of work or you don't have your boss's express approval, don't blog." He also says it's not wise to blog about "delicate matters involving real people (and) office intrigues."

We are all aware that the freedoms we enjoy carry corresponding responsibilities. This includes the freedom to express our sentiments. Pascual emphasizes that while people enjoy this right, they also "have the obligation to respect the right of others to protect their image and companies do have this right, too."

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Flexibility is critical to master flood of information

UNIVERSITY PARK, PENNSYLVANIA—Companies can keep pace with the knowledge explosion only by equipping their people with the right learning skills to maintain the kind of productivity that meets or exceeds customer demands, a Penn State expert says.

"Information is expanding exponentially," says Dr. William J. Rothwell, a professor of workforce education and development and a human resource specialist. "More than 7 trillion e-mail messages are received each year by more than 108 million e-mail users. Fifty thousand new book titles appear annually, with 1.5 million books now in print from 20,000 different publishers.

"The implications of this information explosion are clear: People could read 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, and never catch up with what is written," he adds. "Even less likely is that they would know how to apply what they read. The world's corpus of knowledge is growing much faster than any person can keep up with."

Learning how to learn

With today's avalanche of new information from all sides, corporate trainers and educators alike must shift their emphasis from content, "the what," "the process," the how," says Rothwell, who conducted a five-year study of how workers learn how to cope with immediate, job-related problems. He presented his findings in the new book, "The Workplace Learner: How to Align Training Initiatives to Individual Learning Competencies" (AMACOM, 2002).

With information growth at flood stage, the only alternative for individuals and organizations alike is to concentrate on learning how to learn, rather than simply stockpiling for knowledge.

Targeted learning

"For training to be effective, it should be linked to the unique requirements of one employer and one corporate culture. Workplace learning—in contrast to on-the-job training alone—helps individuals acquire and apply the knowledge they need, when they need it, to achieve work results and solve problem," says Rothwell, a former insurance executive with more than 20 years of experience as a training director in the private and public sectors.

Educators have traditionally focused on teaching their students a fixed quantity of knowledge of facts, regardless of discipline. This approach is no longer in sync with the real world, Rothwell notes. A case in point would be the average engineer, who has to replenish his or her data arsenal only two years after college graduation. The same phenomenon takes place in every other occupation.

Characteristics

To identify the characteristics of a good workplace learner, Rothwell interviewed hundreds of workers in five industry categories and nine different levels of the organizational chain of command.

His research demonstrated that successful workplace learners share a variety of skills: reading, writing, computational, listening, questioning, speaking, social and technological. Better workplace learners also exhibit teamwork skills, powers of self-mastery and self-awareness, an ability to share their visions with others, short-term and long-term memory skills, subject matter knowledge, enjoyment in learning and work, flexibility, persistence and confidence, a sense of urgency, honesty and willingness to show respect for others.

According to Rothwell, the most proficient workplace learners possess additional qualities, including analytical skills, sensory awareness, open-mindedness, humility, a highly developed intuition, skill at gathering and organizing information, an ability to solicit feedback, a willingness to experiment and gain experience, a capacity to adapt knowledge to new situations and self-motivation.

"What is significant about this study is that the focus was not on skills workers need," Rothwell says. "Instead, it identifies those characteristics that individuals must possess to be successful in learning how to learn. That's where the real action is going to be in the future."

Source: Department of Public Information, The Pennsylvania State University

(Dr. Rothwell will be in Manila on Sept. 6, 2005 to conduct a Pre-conference Workshop at the 32nd ARTDO International Management and HRD Conference.)

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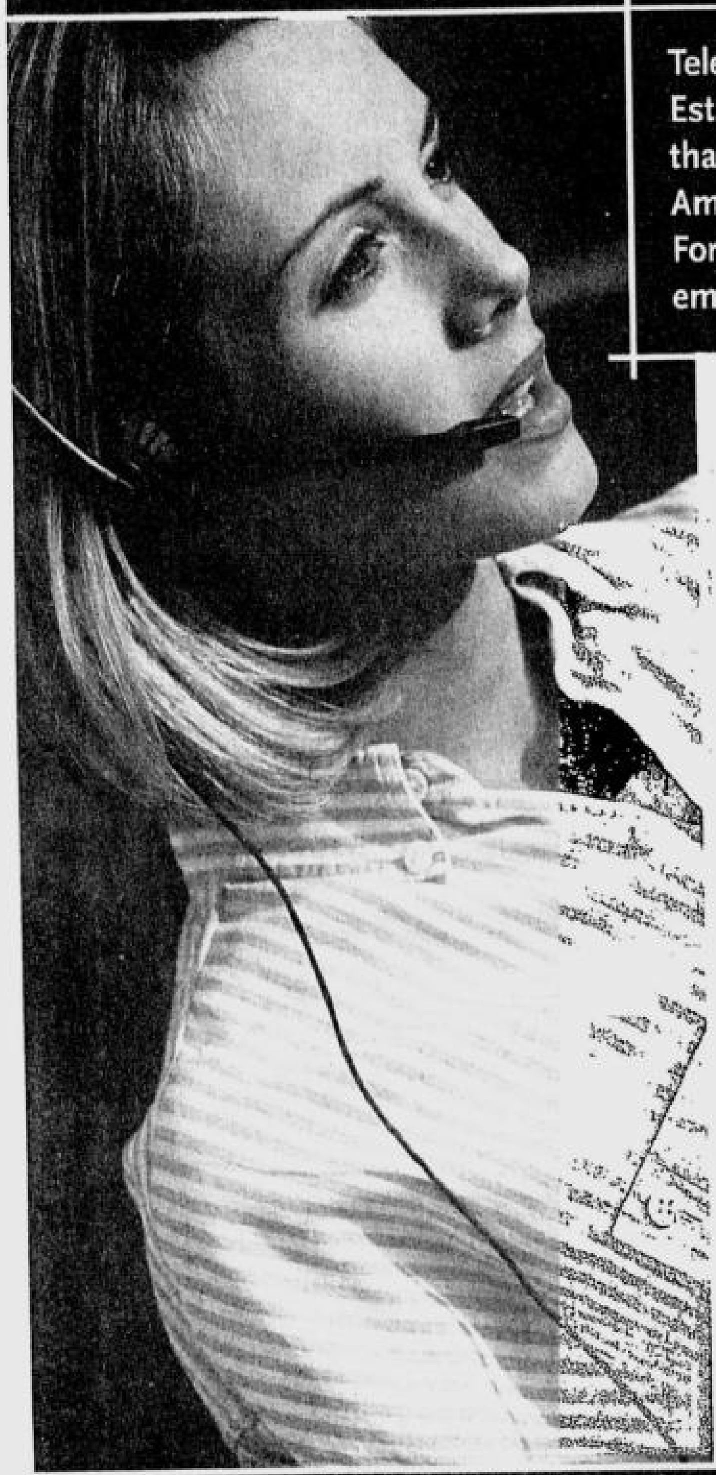

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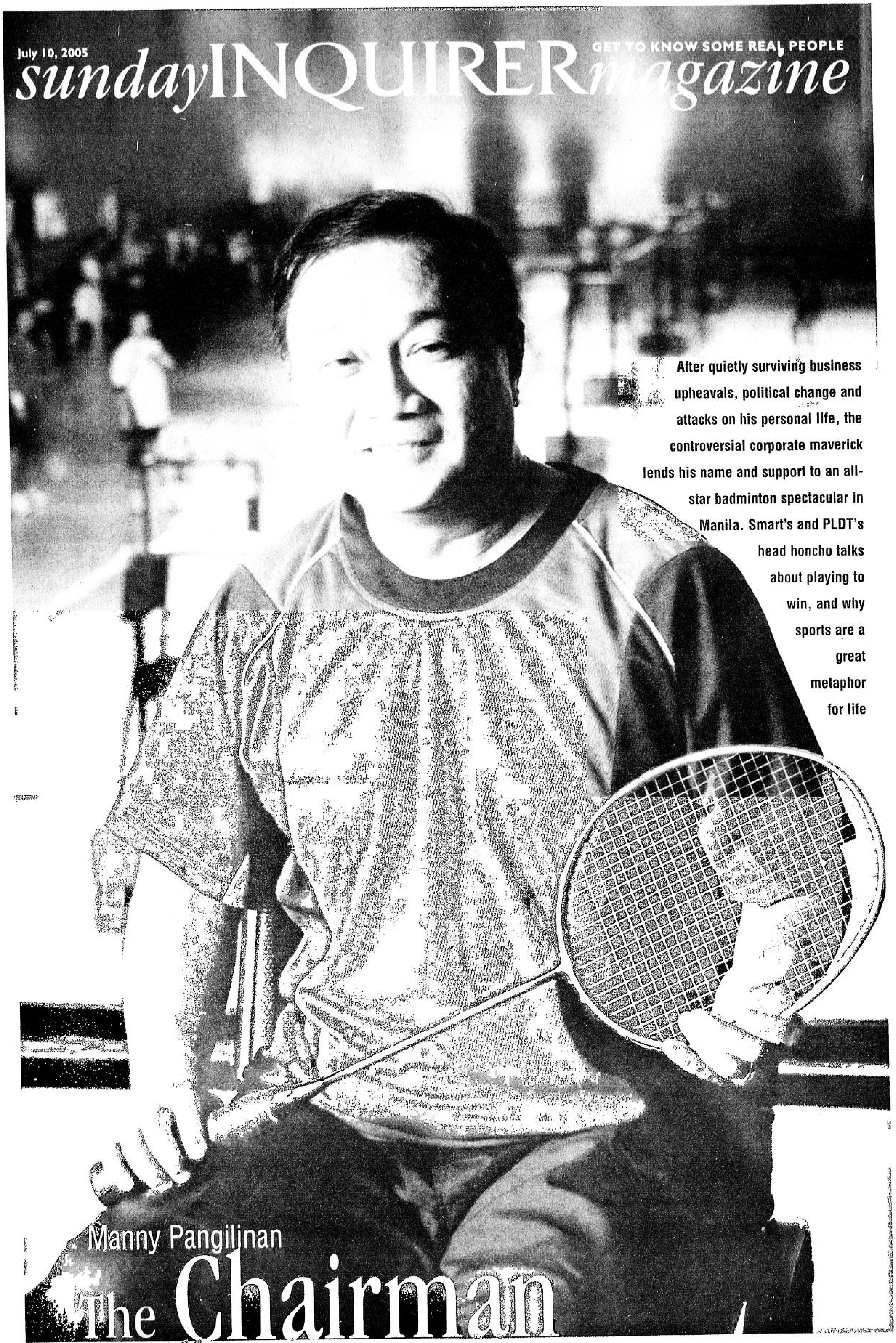

After quietly surviving business upheavals, political change and attacks on his personal life, the controversial corporate maverick lends his name and support to an all-star badminton spectacular in Manila. Smart's and PLDT's head honcho talks about playing to win, and why sports are a great metaphor for life

Manny Pangilinan

The Chairman Is Still Playing the Game

by Alya B. Honasan
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“ONE is more flamboyant, more fun to watch. That's why his style would appeal more to Filipinos. One is more wooden, but you can tell he's a scoring machine.”

This succinct analysis of two of the world's leading male badminton players, top-seeded Chinese singles player Lin Dan and Malaysian doubles whiz Chan Chong Ming, is brought to you by another major player, Manuel “Manny” V. Pangilinan. You'll have to watch them play up close to figure out which is which, but the good news is, you'll be able to. Pangilinan, the Filipino business maverick and chairman of Smart Communications and the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT), is The Man behind the biggest badminton event to take place on Philippine shores.

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Manny

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With its unprecedented pot of US$50,000 for the winning all-star team, the Smart MVP Cup, Asia Vs. Europe: The Manuel V. Pangilinan Badminton Championships, to be held at the Philsports Arena in Pasig on July 12-14, is an ambitious attempt to put the Philippines on the badminton map. "There has long been talk among aficionados about making the Philippines part of the badminton circuit," Pangilinan says. "We hope it engenders a lot of interest in Filipinos to excel in the sport, so hopefully one day we can have one, two, three, four players who are world-class. *Sana hindi ningas-cogon* (We hope it's not just a flash in the pan.)"

An efficient sport

It's more than just corporate largesse going on here, however, as Pangilinan is a fervent badminton aficionado himself, having played the sport since the '80s, long before the local boom, when he was still based in Hong Kong and working with Bancom International and American Express. "It was hard there, because the courts were few and far between, so you had to go a long way to play. If you were allocated a 9-11 time slot, they were strict. If you were still there at 11, they'd shut the lights on you!"

Is he a serious player? "I'm serious, yes, but I don't know if I play well," Pangilinan says with a laugh. "I compete. I play to win. I threaten, I bully..." He isn't what he calls the "hit-and-giggle" type, of which there are a lot in Manila, of both sexes, jumping on the badminton bandwagon simply because it's a fad. Pangilinan appreciates the fact that it is "a very efficient sport; in an hour or so you're sweating already, as opposed to golf." Nowadays, Pangilinan plays at least twice a week, Tuesdays and Saturdays, singles or doubles, from about 9:30 p.m. to midnight. It is a schedule he tries to keep sacrosanct, and even a recent knee injury hasn't forced him off his usual three-game schedule.

The sports event, what Pangilinan calls "a missionary investment for Smart," brings some pleasant publicity for a man who has had his share of good and bad press, whether professional, political (a close association with former President Joseph Estrada) or personal (an unlikely friendship with Kris Aquino). As an aside, Pangilinan reports that his friend Kris is in Greece, shooting a commercial "with some Greek gods. That's why I texted her to be good," he says with a laugh. Honestly, he is happy about her upcoming wedding to basketball player James Yap, Pangilinan says. But unlike Kris, whom matchmakers were trying to pair off with him some years ago, Pangilinan is more comfortable being out of the news. "It's better to be out of the public eye. You're forced to become a public persona because you're running a public company. PLDT is a national institution. It's the usual thing, like with an *artista*, you want your private life but you're immersed in the world, so you can't complain. There is no excuse, no protection. There are things you try to be protective of but you have to talk, you have that obligation."

With his high profile, especially during the last administration, it was inevitable that he become controversial, Pangilinan says. "Nobody has a 100 percent following. There will be people who talk about you in good and bad ways. There are people who will hit you, whom you haven't even met." In his immediate environment, he is often pitted against other business leaders, even when it's just work. It's a problem when dealing with Filipinos, he notes. "We have too many psychological ghosts. But you have to learn." Pangilinan talks about a recent PLDT road show, and how he ended up fielding many questions about the national situation. "Foreign investors, and even some of us, are complaining about graft and corruption, blahblahblah. Whenever I'm asked, I just say, okay, what do you want? Clearly it's a serious issue in this country. Will you invest in the Philippines only on the condition that graft and corruption are eliminated? It will never happen—at least, not in my lifetime. We cannot eliminate it on day one. But as long as we make progress on the economic front, please come and invest. People say the judiciary is corrupt. Tough luck, that's the environment. You're dealing with Filipinos, and that's the system. I'm not saying we shouldn't change it, but you have to deal with it. You can't bury your head in the sand."

It's an "existentialist" way of looking at things, Pangilinan says. "You cannot make aspirational statements or take an aspirational attitude with regards to the Philippines, always talking about what it should be. I agree, but that's not what it is. Before it can be what it should be, it will take time, and we've got to work at it."

Choosing battles

That doesn't mean he no longer gets thin-skinned about personal attacks, however. "You're a human being with emotions, you have to get hurt, because it's also a useful way to adjust and adapt yourself to the situation. It's hurtful when you get critical comments and rumors that are not true. *Hindi ka naman manhid.* (You're not dense.) But that's the way it is. Sometimes you just let it be, especially if it's not true. In the end, you have to choose your battles." Deciding which foe to take on, he says, "depends on what's important to you."

Speaking at a business forum in 2000: Not a 9-to-7 kind of guy

Playing to win has always been important to Pangilinan. Born in 1946 in Manila, he grew up the middle of three children, the son of a banker and a housewife. "Maybe that's why I always had to attract attention," he says with a laugh. Even as a child growing up in Little Baguio, Pangilinan worked hard and played hard. Just before graduating cum laude from the Ateneo de Manila University with a degree in Economics, he remembers coming home and talking to his dad about graduate school. "He just kept quiet, and the message was, 'Okay, but we have no money, so you're on your own, son!'" Pangilinan did bag a Procter & Gamble scholarship for an MBA at the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania, which he finished in 1968.

He has always enjoyed sports, Pangilinan says, including one that he hardly gets to indulge in nowadays: skiing. He learned to ski in Nagano, Japan, later trying out the slopes in Courchevel, France. It's a great way to unwind, he says, because "you're constantly gripped by fear! I can't go on a vacation and just sit on a beach doing nothing. I'd be bored." One of his most memorable outings, in fact, was an all-afternoon schuss down the Swiss side of the 14,000-foot Matterhorn, all the way down to the village of Zermatt. "Up there, we were above the cloud line, and we could see the jets flying by. It was really beautiful."

The only time he allows himself "to lie in bed, catatonic," is Sunday mornings. "I hate it when people schedule things at that time, even family and friends!" he says. That means waking up and lunching late, taking in some noontime TV, and then heading back to the office after lunch—yes, even on a Sunday. "It's the best time to catch up." The rest of the week, working days can run from 9:30 a.m. all the way to the wee hours. "I'm a night person. People I work with say I think better at night. I get a second wind later in the day. Maybe I was a security guard in my previous life!"

Though he's admittedly not a great eater because of his "constant battle" with weight, a favorite indulgence would be Patsy's Chocolates, homemade treats from Colorado Springs. "I have to stay healthy—I only have about 1,000 weeks left to live!" Not a fussy dresser, Pangilinan's wardrobe is admittedly a sea of suits and shirts with ties already matched to save time. Dressing down means wearing a favorite medium-weight ski sweater he got in Japan that's just right for evenings.

Intense and focused

Domestication may not really be on this enigmatic business leader's agenda, "but I do believe in love," he says. "I wouldn't have gotten by in life without love." He doesn't believe he's cut out for fatherhood, however. "It's a question of character and personality, and your own psychological makeup. I tend to be very intense and focused, so for me to divide myself with respect to something I'm committed to, like between a job and a family—I wouldn't be able to handle that." Even when he was set up on dates in college, Pangilinan says, he would fuss incessantly over his companion. "I would get unsettled. So that would be unfair to a family, since I'm not a 9-to-7 kind of guy." A batchmate of President GMA at the Ateneo, Pangilinan is aware that most of his contemporaries are parents or soon-to-be grandparents. "You think about it, and cry over it, as well. You wonder what it's like to have a family and children, and why you weren't blessed. It's a choice, though, and that's when you have to dig deep and ask what your mission in life is."

If the MVP Cup is a gauge, then using business to promote badminton and other sports is part of Pangilinan's mission. "Sports are a very good metaphor for life. I remember watching a TV feature on Wimbledon, and they showed how Boris Becker lost to Pete Sampras, and how Sampras later lost to Roger Federer—both were very gracious. You realize that there's a time to enjoy moments of triumph, and a time to recognize when it's time to go. Sports build a lot of character and virtues." Pangilinan made the same point in a speech he delivered at the Ateneo Sports Hall of Fame Awarding Ceremony in November 2003. "Sports are a laboratory for adversities: How the athlete overcomes physical challenges of injury or defeat, or the less tangible ones, such as an unfriendly crowd, or a critical newspaper article. Indeed, sports offer a richness of experience all its own."

Leaders in business and politics would do well to apply such lessons in their own worlds, Pangilinan feels. "You have to deal with defeat. You have to know yourself, internalize what you're doing. Otherwise you're not living life as well as you should, or you're just floating on the surface." Manny Pangilinan obviously still plays to win—but does he know how to take defeat? "Nobody wins every battle in life. You have to allow yourself to feel bad, or the battle you just lost wouldn't be worth it. You need that catharsis, but after that, you move on. You cannot make *mukmok* forever!"

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PROPER PRIORITIES

I was so touched by your story about Dylan Wilk, the Englishman who is so active in Gawad Kalinga, spending his fortune building houses for homeless Filipinos, and willing to become a naturalized Filipino citizen ("This Englishman Gave It All Up to Build Homes for Filipinos," **SIM**, 26 June 2005). Wilk is more Filipino than the noisy opposition politicians and partisans. The noisy militants do nothing but complain. They are in the streets everyday joining rallies as if rallies will solve this country's problems. Nationalistic Filipinos should not complain all the time. We should think of what we can do for others more than what others (including our government) can do for us. Millions of people in Bangladesh, India, even in China and South America, are living in extreme poverty. But they don't go to rallies everyday. I hope the mass media organizations in the Philippines will cover only the rallies that are important, not just any group who are out to discredit the government. These rallies, when blown out of proportion, result in a loss of confidence in our economy. Foreign investors will not invest here, there will be capital flight, the peso will depreciate, the cost of imports will go up including petroleum products. Inflation follows. Mass media organizations should not allow themselves to be used by partisans and politicians in destroying this country.

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DEVOTED DOCTORS

Well, this family has seen one the most important needs of Filipinos, and the favor of God was with them because of their good intentions. In spite of the hurdles and challenges they faced, they proved to be strong and dedicated to their work ("This Family of Doctors Is Staying Put in Daet—Where They're Needed Most," **SIM** 26 June 2005). Yes, these people should be given recognition for their dedication to, and love for, our countrymen. I am really impressed. If only the government would focus on helping this kind of people, surely time will come when there's no need for Filipinos to enslave themselves in other countries. It's still better to live in our homeland, and people who continually work for its betterment should be appreciated for their work.

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Hail the Palencia family for staying put in Daet—where they're needed most! It's good to note that amid the massive exodus of Filipino doctors and nurses for greener pastures abroad, we do have a family of doctors who chose to stay home. They represent rare Filipino professionalism and community service. Why can't others follow suit?

This family is commendable. They are the real modern heroes of the land, not the ones abroad sending dollar remittances back home. For me, a real Filipino hero is a person who spends his whole life devotedly and renders his skills and expertise in the service of the Filipino people. It's not a matter of how much dollars you give back to your family and country, but how many people's lives you've saved and touched. Isn't it fulfilling to serve your very own countrymen and find yourself home? To Dr. Abundio Palencia, congratulations! You're indeed a laureate in the field of medicine and community service!

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Poetry

Kay Mariang Makiling

Nagpaalam noon ang Nanay.
Hindi ipinaalam kung saan siya pupunta.
Anong pook ang maaari niyang puntahan
upang di na magbalik?
Anong pook ang maaari niya?
Nagkampo kami ni Tatay sa Makiling.
Inalala ang kuwento ng diwatang
naglaho sa panglaw ng sariling panaghoy.
"Hindi na siya babalik," sabi ni Tatay.
Pag-uwi, tinanaw ko ang bundok,
at totoo, mas maganda itong tingnan
sa malayo: hindi matitinag, buo.

Edgar Calabia Samar

The MVP CUP

Badminton's Best Battle It Out

LIN DAN
China
World #1 Men's Singles
The World's Best

TAUFIK HIDAYAT
Indonesia
World Men's Singles #[illegible]
Olympic Gold Medalist – Athens 2004

ZHANG NING
China
World #2 Ladies Singles
Olympic Gold Medalist – Athens 2004

SEO YOON HEE
Korea
World #1[illegible] Ladies Singles
Giant Killer

CHAN CHONG MING
KOO KIAN KEAT
Malaysia
World #[illegible] Men's Doubles Team
Taiwan Open Champs

SARALEE THUNGTHONGKAM
SATHINEE CHANKRACHANGWONG
Thailand
World #[illegible] Ladies Doubles
2004 Singapore Open Finalists

KENNEVIC ASUNCION
KENNIE ASUNCION
Philippines
World #24, Mixed Doubles
Home Favorites

ASIA

Some quotes from prominent figures regarding the upcoming MVP Cup:

"The Manuel V. Pangilinan Badminton Championships aims to expose Filipino athletes to world-class competition on their home soil. By competing with the best in Asia and Europe, we aspire to achieve athletic excellence in a sport we are passionate about and show the rest of the world that our country is an emerging force in badminton."

"If I were a betting man (which I am not), I'd put my money on the Asian team It is particularly strong in Men's singles - Lin Dan and Taufik Hidayat. Women's singles are hard to predict. The odds on the doubles matches are just about even."

Manuel V. Pangilinan,
PLDT and SMART Chairman

"I feel extremely proud and honored that SMART Communications and PLDT have staged a world-class tournament that has captured the attention of Europe and Asia. I am confident the MVP Cup will be a thrilling affair. With the likes of world number one Lin Dan and Taufik Hidayat representing Asia and Olympic Silver Medalists and world number 1 in Mixed Doubles Nathan Robertson and Gail Emms representing Europe, predicting who will emerge victorious is virtually impossible."

"The true winners in all these are we Filipinos. Because of the Manuel V. Pangilinan Badminton Championships, more and more Filipinos will be exposed to world-class badminton. Hopefully, this will inspire them to strive for athletic excellence as well."

Boy R. Martirez,
SMART Head of Personal Communications
and Mobile Services

BJOERN JOPPIEN
Germany
World #17 Men's Singles
German Powerhouse

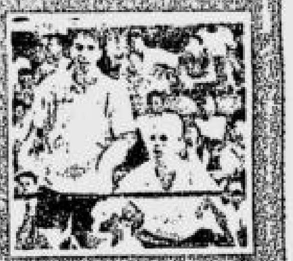
ANDERS BOESEN
Denmark
World Men's Singles #25
Dutch Open Silver Medalist

MIA AUDINA TJIPTAWAN
Netherlands
European Champion
Ladies Doubles

PI HONGYAN
France
World #[illegible] Ladies Singles
One of Europe's Brightest Stars

ROBERT BLAIR
England
Men's Doubles World #[illegible]
Doubles [illegible]

YAO JIE
Netherlands
European Champion
Ladies Doubles



NATHAN ROBERTSON
GAIL EMMS
England
World #1 Mixed Doubles
Olympic Silver Medalist – Athens 2004

EUROPE

"I think Taufik Hidayat of Indonesia is the most talented badminton player in the world. His skills are unparalleled by any player and when he is playing at his best, there is simply nothing more beautiful to watch on the badminton court. By the same token, Mia Audina of the Netherlands possesses and regularly uses shots that are also extremely rarely seen."

James White,
International Management Group (IMG)

"I'm looking forward to the match between the Asuncions (Kennevic and Kennie) versus Nathan Robertson and Gail Emms." "I want to see kasi how far we've come. We (the Philippines) are ranked #22 in the world right now, but I want to know what that really means. Usually, we don't have a chance to play the best in the world because we are eliminated in the early rounds, but in the MVP Cup, Filipinos will be facing Europe's best."

"I think Europe's chances versus Asia are 50/50. Because of the prize money, I think you'll see both sides playing a lot harder than in a normal match. You have to remember that the players from Europe are no pushovers. Their mixed doubles team is ranked #1 in the world. They also have players in the top 5 in the world."

Ret. Gen. Edgardo Aglipay,
Vice-President, Philippine Badminton Association (PBA)

"We love the Philippines and for me, Asia will be the sentimental favorite. We've got to do all we can to support our players."

Nelson Asuncion,
Badminton coach, father of Kennevic
and Kennie Asuncion

The stage is set. The players are pumped, their bodies primed for a series of what can be dubbed as "dream matches". It's time for the best players from Asia and Europe to cross racquets in a truly unique format. From July 12 to 14, the Philsports Arena in Pasig will host the inaugural edition of the MVP Cup, Asia vs. Europe: The Manuel V. Pangilinan Badminton Championships.

Presented by SMART and PLDTmyDSL, this tournament promises to be a fast-paced affair that will answer which badminton-loving continent is superior: Europe or Asia. The competition will indeed be fierce. The electricity will be in the air. So who will win? Which continent will have bragging rights as number one in badminton? On July 12 to 14, the whole world will find out.

Watch out for your favorite celebrities on July 13 and 14, 5:30pm, right before the MVP Cup matches!

July 13, 2005

Sandy Prieto & Diether Ocampo
(vs)
Dyan Castillejo & Troy Montero

July 14, 2005

Francine Prieto & Rainier Castillo
(vs)
Aubrey Miles & Mark Anthony Fernandez

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People of the Faith

by Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

The Little Nun Who Fought Giants

As chair of the Task Force Detainees of the Philippines during the dark days of martial law, Sr. Mariani Dimaranan fought for the rights of political prisoners. With her recent—and second—nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize, this feisty woman of the cloth finally gets her due

ED GERLOCK

THE military official known for his brutal treatment of political detainees might have met his match in the diminutive nun now under tactical interrogation. "Sister, I heard you have this big red book," he asked with deceptive calm.

"Correction, colonel," Sr. Mariani Dimaranan, SFIC, answered cheekily, looking the man full in the eye. "It's a little red book."

This was at the height of the martial law years in the early '70s, when mere possession of what was then considered Mao Tse-Tung's gospel could spell either arrest, torture or salvaging for being a subversive. But the feisty Franciscan nun, arrested in 1973 for linking arms with peasants and students marching in street protests, stood her ground. She wasn't about to give her captors the satisfaction of seeing her quake in fear. Years later, as chair of the Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP), she would counsel courage among grieving relatives when their missing kin, last seen taken forcibly by military men, turned up in unmarked graves instead. From 1974 to 1996, Sr. Mariani headed the organization set up by religious groups to document human rights abuses against political prisoners.

From visiting and comforting detainees to smuggling out important messages inside the nuns' habit and babies' diapers, the TFDP's work evolved to include giving medical and legal aid to detainees and helping their displaced families find alternative livelihood. Later, the group published accounts of torture, disappearances and extra-judicial killings in publications released abroad because the local press was under heavy censorship. "It was my belief that by documenting human rights abuses and announcing them to the outside world, I could protect present and future detainees from additional abuse," Sr. Mariani recounted. At great personal risk, the nun spoke out against the abuses of the Marcos regime in various international fora, shattering the government's carefully cultivated image of a "smiling martial law," the main reason cited by some powerful nations for their continuing support.

Nobel nomination

Some 30 years after, Sr. Mariani's work in promoting human rights got the recognition it deserves with her recent nomination to the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize. A total of 1,000 women from all over the world, 27 Filipinos among them, are included in this year's list of nominees which is meant to address the gender imbalance in the choices so far. Of the 122 who have been named Nobel Peace awardees, only 12 are women. The list is meant to represent the efforts of women worldwide to promote peace.

The country's other nominees are human rights lawyer and former PCGG chair Haydee Yorac, filmmaker Marilou Diaz-Abaya, Amanat Foundation's Piang Tahsim Albar, Kanlungan Center Foundation's Mary Lou Alcid, theater artist-environmentalist Cecile Guidote Alvarez, former Davao judge Dory Avisado, Akbayan party list representative Ana Theresia Hontiveros-Baraquel, Miriam College's Loreta Castro, Presidential peace advisers Ging Quintos-Deles and Lorenza Dalupan, anti-domestic violence advocate Teresa Fernandez, landmines ban advocate Miriam Coronel-Ferrer, Bangsa Moro Women's Hadja Bainon Karon, Catholic Relief Services' Myla Jabilles Leguro, Sarang Bangun Foundation's Zenaida Tan Lim, Paghiliusa sa Paghidaet's Delia Ediltrudes Santiago, trauma expert Dr. June Pagaduan Lopez, Japan Committee for Negros Campaign's Seiko Bodios Ohashi, Cordillera ancestral domain advocate Zenaida Pawid, anti-trafficking of women advocate Sr. Soledad Perpinan, Christian Children's Fund's Elisa del Puerto, Mothers for Peace's Irene Santiago, Kaisa sa Kaunlaran's Teresita Ang-See, Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman, Nagdilaab Foundation's Miriam Suacito, and Abra's good government advocate Pura Sumangil.

Organizing dissent

Organizing dissent and resistance comes naturally to Sr. Mariani, who knew how it was to be deprived of choices. At 27, she had to run away from home to become a nun. Her brother had died and she was the only souvenir left from her father's first marriage. Her father would have been content to see her teaching Math, Pilipino and History all her life, and had chastised her once when she said she wanted to enter the religious life to serve the poor: "We ourselves are poor, the rest of the people in our locality are poor, why do you have to enter the convent?" When he could not convince his daughter, the father filed a case in court, but Sr. Mariani had turned 30 by that time and was long entitled to her own decisions.

Given the politics of the day, "serving the poor" soon translated into TFDP work. "It was not so much the theology of liberation as my religious vows that pushed me to do this work," she said. "Why did I become a nun? I asked myself. What is my response to oppression if I am a follower of Christ? What am I going to do?"

The questions soon became chronic, the deeper she got into her work. Sr. Mariani recalled how one woman recounted the military arrest in the apartment they were renting as a couple. A woman in the group had been gang-raped, her husband was tortured and she herself was abused, the woman said. They were then herded into a military camp, including their two boys. The military had occupied their home and now they had nowhere to go and nothing to eat. Lifting an anguished face to the nun, the woman had cried, "Sister, if there is a God, why does He allow these sufferings to happen?"

The Franciscan nun was speechless. Later, she asked herself, "What has the Filipino done to his fellowmen that people are led to question the existence of God?"

It was a rhetorical question. As a former detainee herself, Sr. Mariani knew first hand the tortures and summary executions that the Filipino military regularly visited on their political prisoners. She recalled her own continuous interrogation with very little sleep while her captors cursed her.

"I first came to know about torture when I entered the room assigned to me and saw traces of blood," Sr. Mariani recalled. "When I lay down, I would see this writing on the wall: 'Now I will tell the truth.' It was a psy-war." What she feared most, she said, was rape and the application of the truth serum. Indeed, only her nun's habit seemed to protect her at times, with her captors muttering in frustration, *"Kung di ka lang madre."*

Pursued quest

Her attempts at self-preservation were rudimentary at best. "I could sleep like a log," she would write later. "So before sleeping, I would tie one end of the mosquito net to the door knob and the other end of the string to my hand."

Such experience, shared among other TFDP workers, did not deter the group from pursuing its quest. Despite threats to their personal safety, they managed to prove that torture was "routine, systematic and widespread" under martial law.

When she was finally sent to a regular detention center after her tactical interrogation by the military, Sr. Mariani recalled rehearsing how she would behave with friends, some of whom were with the radical opposition. Showing any recognition could put them all in bigger trouble with the martial law regime, which saw organized resistance as its biggest enemy.

"Alighting from the vehicle, I tried to control my tense feelings. I was bent on pretending nonrecognition of any of the detainees," recalled the nun. To her surprise, the contrary happened. When the detainees saw her being ushered in, they clapped their hands in welcome. Forgetting her mental rehearsal, Sr. Mariani spontaneously waved at her friends. Now she had truly cast her lot with them.

Although her zeal put her in conflict with some of her bishops who were wary of criticizing the martial law regime, Sr. Mariani got a boost from the words of Bishop Julio X. Labayen, who described her as " a symbol of the collective courage of people who bravely stood for human rights and resisted state terrorism..."

The nun professionalized their political work, observed Dr. Aurora Parong, TFDP executive director since 1996. "She systematized data gathering and trained the staff and paralegals in documentation work. She made sure the volunteers were not only committed but also qualified and competent to be part of the quick reaction team."

Dr. Parong first met Sr. Mariani when the nun visited her after she was arrested in Nueva Vizcaya in northern Luzon. "She was very thorough," this health rights educator recounted. "She asked about jail conditions and whether the local TFDP workers were up to the task. She taught me never to be afraid to venture into new areas of work if there is a gap to be filled."

The TFDP's documentation later became part of the evidence in the class suit filed against the Marcoses by victims of martial law brutality. The US court awarded monetary damages from the Marcos estate to some 10,000 claimants, with some of the money already transferred from Swiss banks to the Philippine government.

Her work may have earned for Sr. Mariani a Nobel Peace Prize nomination in 1985, but she is not about to rest on her laurels. "The struggle is not yet finished," the 79-year-old nun said shortly before a stroke confined her to her sick bed. "I can see the transgression in human rights being repeated in the poverty of our people. Everyone should remain committed." Q

Theater Tales

by Cora Llamas

He's Exporting Crafts, But Not His Talent

For veteran stage actor Miguel Castro, who is playing his first lead role in a historical Filipino musical, a successful business helps pay the bills while he indulges his passion for the theater on his own home turf

GOOD things do come true for those who wait—and persistently plod on their chosen course, regardless of disappointments. Miguel Castro, a veteran theater actor whose name somehow sounds familiar to the viewer but never seems to make it to the A-list, is experiencing a reversal of fortune. It's not just the lead role in Dulaang UP's "St. Louis Loves Dem Filipinos, The Musical" which he alternates in with fellow stage actor Arnold Reyes. At a time when many of his colleagues are packing up for greener pastures in Disneyland Hong Kong, Miguel is in a position where he can choose his parts and live a comfortable life right here in Manila. Given that many of the theatrical émigrés are the name actors who've frequently landed the lead roles, Miguel may just emerge as a prime contender.

His success has been a long time coming. His stage presence was felt as Padre Salvi in "*Kanser*" and as Isagani in "*El Filibusterismo.*" But after his lines were delivered, he blended into the background as a good character actor should. But after 10 years of providing stalwart support, the 31-year-old thespian has decided to stretch his wings.

"I don't believe in myself," Miguel confesses. "Nobody really pushed me until my manager Bibsy (Carballo) came. I didn't even know that I could sing."

Secondary roles

It didn't help that secondary roles were all that he got from the Gantimpala Theater Foundation (GTF), where he first started, trained and stayed for a decade. Neither did his dirt-poor background.

"In the 1990s, if you had no money to groom yourself, no one would notice you. I only had one pair of shoes. My style was dirty shoes and tattered pants. I had that rugged look. As an actor you had to look good and muscular, but I could not afford to go to a gym."

The avowed "*probinsyano*" (he hails from Lipa, Batangas) was the second in a brood of 10; his father was a bookbinder, and his mother a housewife. After his first year as a Mass Communications student at the Lyceum of the Philippines, he worked as a service crew member at a hamburger joint to continue his schooling. But by then, the acting bug had bit after Gantimpala asked him to be an apprentice following one of their workshops. The young Miguel found himself at a crossroads in his junior year in college.

"I could not manage the three—school, theater, and work—so I left school. I really loved theater but there was no money in it. I had to support myself."

Things then became so desperate that he almost took the easy way out. He did have offers, but not the ones he wanted. "I was almost tempted to become a call boy, because I had no choice. A rich gay offered to finance my studies if I agreed to become his kept man." The casting couch would lay itself out for him time and again during those struggling years, but Miguel always found the courage to say no.

Miguel did make it but on his own terms, and by a stroke of providence. One day, he was tinkering with a big pile of paper scraps from his father's bookbinding shop. He discovered another artistic gift beyond acting.

"I knew something about papier maché, and started making a couple of small boxes with designs. A fellow actress saw them and bought them as gifts. More orders came in." As they increased, Miguel soon put up his own paper-and-design shop, Castro Designs.

Things turned around in a huge way in 1998, when a Hong Kong-based French importer stumbled upon his products and started bringing them overseas.

Reverse exodus

It was, Miguel admits, the start of "a very good life. I now have the luxury of saying no to other jobs, roles that I don't want."

He can also afford to stay home and enjoy the life he chose in his mother country, despite the SARS scare which had weakened his company's hold on Hong Kong.

Miguel is a unique example of what may be called "the reverse exodus." At one point, he had sold his car and belongings, closed his apartment, said goodbye to family and friends, and was poised to make a new home in other countries—but chose to come back to the Philippines after six months.

"I tried living in Hong Kong and Paris in 1998 because of my export business. But after finishing all the museums in Paris, what else was there to do? I had to work. It's hard to get an acting job when you're not even a resident of the place." Another attempt to make his home base in Shanghai didn't pan out. "I couldn't see myself elsewhere." London is the only place he says he can visit twice—and then only to watch the musicals and stage plays.

His landing the main role in "St. Louis" was the result of a cold-call audition; though he knew the creative team behind it, he was not exactly a regular with Dulaang UP. It is a fact that Miguel is happy about, because it shows that he had won the part by merit.

Not that there is no pressure. The lead role of Bulan, the Bagobo tribal chief who tragically failed to find a place of glory in the US in the 1900s, had originally been essayed by theater legends. "Joel (Lamangan) is Joel and Ronnie (Lazaro) is Ronnie," he says, with a trace of nervousness, of the footsteps he is about to follow.

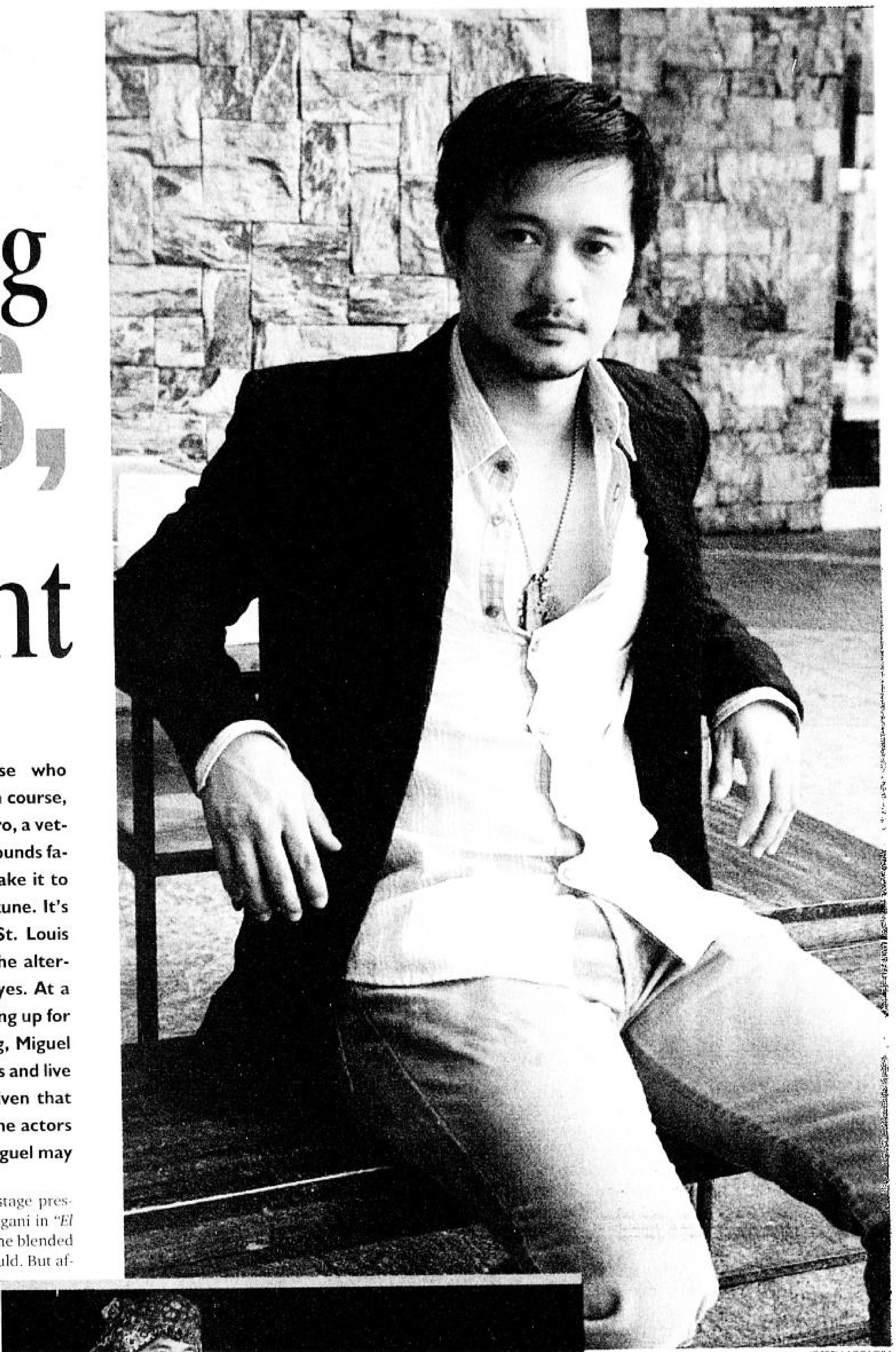
Prime acting piece

Still, the role of Bulan is a prime piece of acting meat that he relishes sinking his teeth into. After reading Act One of Floy Quintos' script, Miguel found himself weeping for the "St. Louis" protagonist who left his kingdom and sailed thousands of miles into the New World "to bring something back to his people." Instead, his culture was despised, his person humiliated, his regalness destroyed. The play tragically ends with the once proud chieftain as a broken man.

Happily, the same could not be said of Miguel. The actor-cum-businessman is giving back to his country. Along with another partner, he has put up funding for Theater Now, GTF's experimental arm, which would explore new ways of doing drama and perhaps giving actors more work. He has also fulfilled a life-long dream of giving his parents their own home.

Life may just be beginning for Miguel who, thanks to "St. Louis," discovered that he has a passion for singing. As he pursues the many paths now open to him, the nicest part for Miguel Castro is that he doesn't have to leave for other shores.

"St. Louis Loves Dem Filipinos, The Musical" runs from July 13 to 31 at the Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero Theater, UP Diliman. Call tel. nos. 920-5301 and 926-1349



JOSEPH AGCAOILI

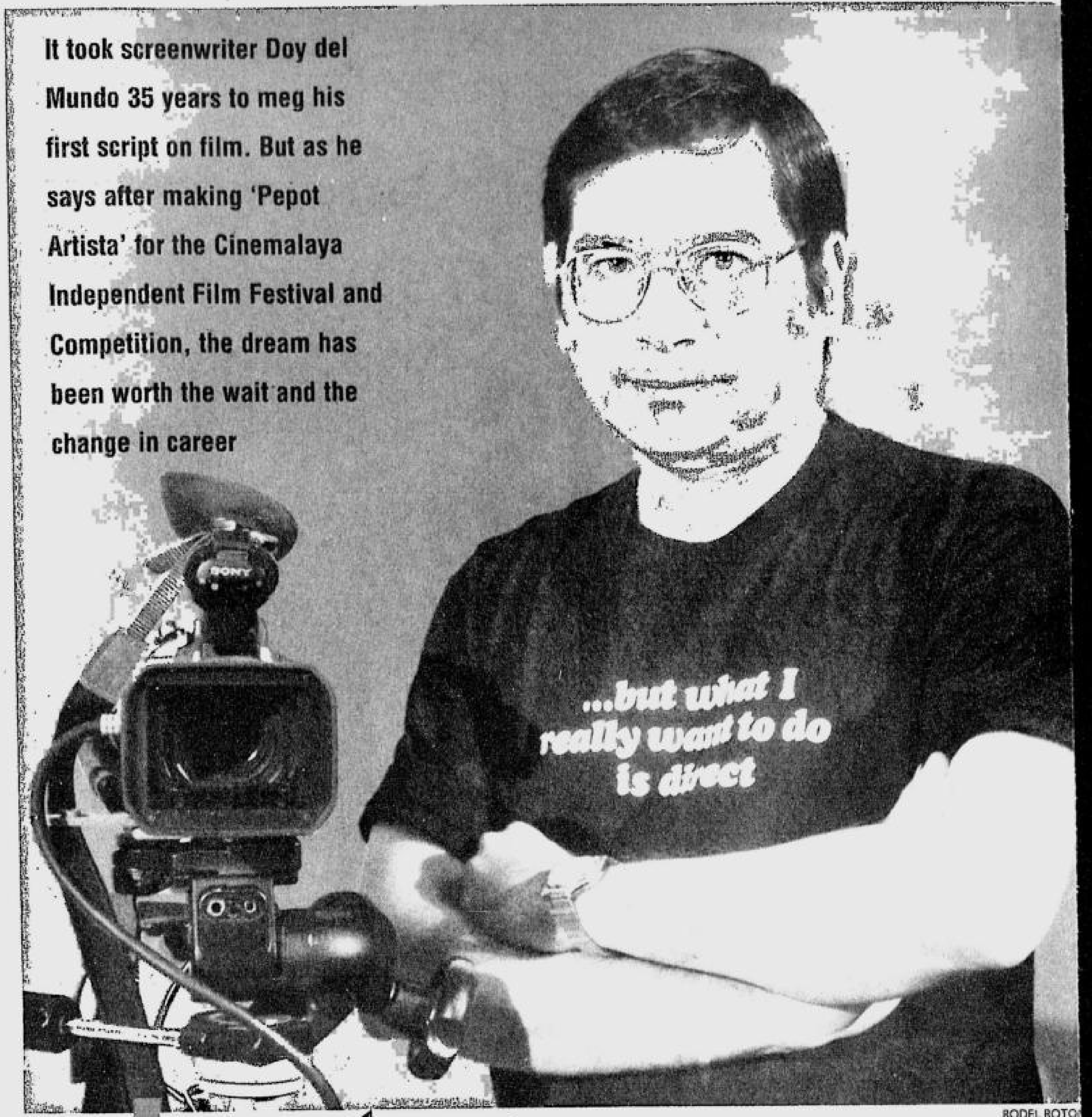
Away from the stage lights, above, and as Bulan, left, with Rina Saporsantos as Maude in "St. Louis"

The Reel Life

by Jerome Gomez

In The Director's Chair At Last

It took screenwriter Doy del Mundo 35 years to meg his first script on film. But as he says after making 'Pepot Artista' for the Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival and Competition, the dream has been worth the wait and the change in career


...but what I really want to do is direct

RODEL ROTO

HE had always dreamed of becoming a director, but as fate would have it, Clodualdo del Mundo Jr. would be typecast in his movie career as a screenwriter.

In 1971, he showed director Mike de Leon the draft of his first script about a young boy who wanted to be in the movies. De Leon, who was then also a producer, liked it, but asked the young Doy to write another screenplay instead, an adaptation of the book, *"Sa Kuko ng Liwanag."* The movie, directed by Lino Brocka, would become a classic in Philippine cinema.

From then on, Doy's star as a scriptwriter shone, with such acclaimed outputs as "Batch '81," "*Kisapmata,*" "*Itim,*" and "'Merika." And the lighthearted, if a bit satirical, story of Pepot The Dreamer, together with its creator's dream of becoming a director, would take a backseat—for the next 35 years.

Dazzled by movies

This week, however, at the Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival at the Cultural Center of the Philippines, "Pepot Artista" will finally see the light of day and in digital format. Doy reworked his original draft and added a narrator, a writer who, as a young boy, dreamed of becoming an *artista* himself. As a fan magazine vendor growing up in the '70s, 10-year-old Pepot grows up surrounded by people equally dazzled by the movie world. The film explores the penchant of Pinoys for entertainment in the midst of serious social problems.

For a project that took 35 years to ripen, it took Doy only 21 days to shoot the film. With a P500,000 grant from Cinemalaya (eight other films were granted the same amount each), and inspiration coming from the increasing number of maverick filmmakers doing films in digital format, "There's no more excuse not to finish the movie." This is Doy's first full-length feature film as a director.

"I'm not aggressive," says the mild-mannered Doy, when asked why he never got to pitch the script for Pepot to other producers through the years. Or why he never broached the idea of a "Direk Doy" to the studios.

Of course, it might be understandable, considering that Del Mundo's father, Clodualdo del Mundo Sr., was himself a well-known writer, best known for "Prinsipe Amante" and "Malvarosa."

Today, at the audio-visual room near his office at the De La Salle University, where he chairs the Communication department, Doy remains a simple man. Dignified in his black pants and plaid shirt, he agrees to unbutton his shirt for the pictorial, to reveal a black crewneck tee that says, "But what I really want to do is direct." He says his friends and colleagues know him to be too quiet and even humorless. In person, he is more the kindhearted professor students can approach anytime, less the writer from whose screenplays were born the most memorable anguished protagonists in those dark, gritty films by Mike de Leon. Doy says his friends would be surprised that he can come up with something as fun as "Pepot" which, incidentally, is also a musical (Yoyoy Villame does a charming cameo), a genre he's flirted with via de Leon's *"Kakabakaba Ka Ba?"*

The inspiration to finish "Pepot" came from the young independent filmmakers he's met through the Cinemalaya competition, and his students at De La Salle. "They make things happen. They create opportunities for themselves, so I thought I should do something similar," says Doy who, at 57, is the most senior of the filmmakers given the Cinemalaya grants.

Most fulfilling

Five other finalists in the short film category will be featured at the Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival and Competition on July 12 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino (Little Theater). They are Lawrence Fajardo's "Kultado," *"Alimuom"* by Rommel Tolentino, *"Babae"* by Sigrid Andrea Bernardo, "Blood Bank" by Pam Miras, *"Mansyon"* by Joel Ruiz and *"Panaginipan"* by Anna Isabelle Matutina.

Aside from "Pepot Artista," the other finalists in the full-length feature category are: *"Ang Pagdadalaga ni Maximo Oliveros"* by Michiko Yamamoto, *"Baryoke"* by Byron O. Bryant, "Big Time" by Mario Cornejo and Coreen Jimenez, *"Isnats"* by Michael Angelo P. Dagñalan, "ICU Bed # 7" by Rica Arevalo, "Lasponggols" by Sigfreid Barros-Sanchez, "Room Boy" by Alfred Aloysius Adlawan and *"Sarong Banggi"* by Emmanuel dela Cruz.

Doy considers "Pepot" one of the most fulfilling things he's done. Of the films he'd written, he likes "Mulanay," he says, because "it's simple, funny and has its touching moments." But "Pepot Artista" is his favorite, he adds. "It amazes me to think that I wrote the first draft 35 years ago, long before Elijah Castillo (the boy who plays Pepot) was born."

The film was shot entirely in Singalong, Manila, with the actors agreeing to reduce their fees, while the production staff's talent fees would be given on deferred basis. "They will get paid when the movie makes money on the commercial run," says Doy. Students who volunteered to help out as production assistants asked only for cellphone loads. Even Doy's US-based brother, Herky, a freelance cinematographer and multimedia person, came home especially for the project. "He missed Christmas with his family because of the film," says Doy. "I trusted his camera work. He made do with our limited lighting equipment. He was director of photography, camera operator and gaffer all rolled into one. I consulted him regarding other aspects of the production. He even taught Elijah how to concentrate and let his tears flow."

Labor of love

The film, as perhaps all independent movies are, is a labor of love. For Doy, it also brought forth a better understanding of being a director. "Filmmaking is collaborative, needless to say, but the director holds the vision and must be in control. This is not to belittle the contributions of the production staff, specially the screenwriter—I'm a writer myself—but a good director pursues a certain vision. If the director does not have that vision, then he may not be worth the title." This July, audiences will be able to judge if Doy is worthy or not.

Meanwhile, this writer-director already has another project in mind. "I've written a screenplay about goodness. So far, no takers. I would like to pursue this project though. I hope I get the funds—and the inspiration—to see it through." ◘

"Pepot Artista" will be screened at the Cultural Center of the Philippines on July 13 (9:30 p.m.), 14 (1 p.m.), 16 (9:30 p.m.) and 17 (7 p.m.). The First Cinemalaya Indie Film Festival runs July 12-17 at the CCP.

Poetry

Rime of the Spirit's Quest

A ten-year-old far afield with slingshot and
in his pockets stones, what unseen hand

moves this figure of memory to center
stage, and next curtain fall, will demand

restoration of a waylaid song
that once had trilled over the land?

O shadow to a reckless act, cease
from haunting still the little brigand.

Perhaps in the wild syllable throbbing in air
he glimpsed a lay of his spirit's heartland

and thought to ferret out its mystery's Word
from the puny warbler's body in hand.

Since then, though he has long forgotten,
his quest has seen no end, from sun to sun;

his words like scaterring thunder only weave
bits of script on his book of sand.

How far has he traveled, O ghost of him
who would be his spirit's firebrand?

There's only light that breaks one's heart,
there's no word for the spirit's Writ, none.

Gémino H. Abad

Everything's in Place

The dark vein of the pen, the petrified hand.

Strand after strand of impeding light.
The paper sitting in its secrecy.
There must be something more

to these objects straining for movement,
solid and heavy, caught in the light.
The night keeps such cruel arrangements.

But how you can easily break

this symmetry. Now you are here,
pursing your lips, blowing strokes of smoke.
The air shimmers in your white noise.

The room is hung with the smell of wine,
tipping the bottles, rearranging the furniture.
I gather the punctuations, the shards

your breathing cuts into every corner.
The labor of speaking, lonely
as stones. I will leave, you will leave,

someone will write a poem.

Joel M. Toledo

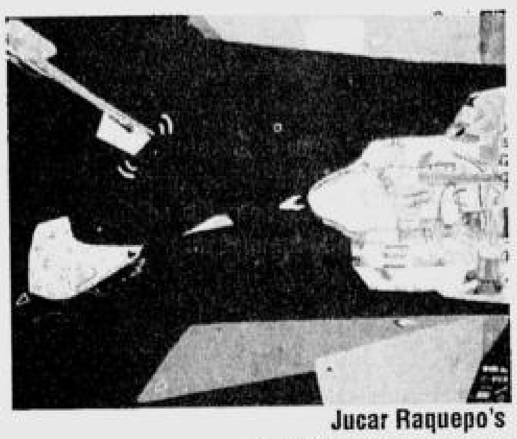
The **Sunday Inquirer Magazine** accepts contributions for our regular poetry section. Interested contributors should send a printed copy of the poem (which may be in English or Filipino) together with a self-addressed stamped envelope to Ruel S. De Vera, poetry editor, Sunday Inquirer Magazine, Chino Roces (formerly Pasong Tamo) corner Mascardo and Yague Streets, Makati City 1263, or e-mail to <poetry_sim@inquirer.com.ph>

This Week

Art

Visual artist Tina Fernandez continues her series of surface-inspired paintings in her solo exhibit, **Tenement Walls**, at the Lower level of Boston Gallery, 72 Boston St., Cubao, QC until July 20. For details, call 722-9205.

Lamierda, an exhibit of paintings of poop by Amy Aragon until July 23 at Mag:net Gallery ABS, The Look, ELJ Center, ABS-CBN Compound, QC.



Jucar Raquepo's latest work is on view at the Cubicle Art Gallery

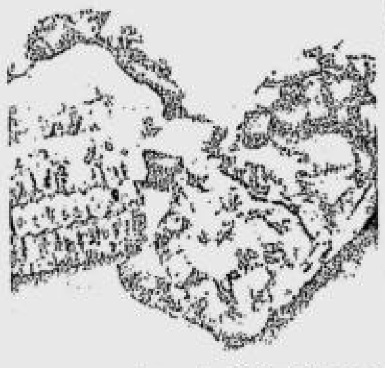
Untitled 2005 (notes on Johannes Vermeer), an installation exhibit by Roberto Chabet, ongoing at the Mag:net Paseo Center, Paseo de Roxas cor. Sedeño Street, Makati City until July 26. For details, call 817-7895.

Jucar Raquepo unveils his most recent works in a solo exhibit, **Artwork Detailing**, featuring abstract compositions on paper done in acrylic, enhanced by different textural paint mediums, and detailed with miniature race car stickers at The Cubicle Art Gallery, C. Raymundo corner Stella Maris St. Maybunga, Pasig City. Exhibit runs from July 16 to Aug. 10.

Music

The CCP and The Philippine Opera Company present **Operanow**, an opera gala performance featuring the country's finest classical singers on July 16, 8 p.m. at the CCP Main Theater. The concert will showcase the best-loved moments from opera's masterpieces like "La Boheme," "Aida," "Madame Butterfly," "Carmen," "Noli Me Tangere," among others. Highlight of the show will be the modern interpretation of traditional opera costumes designed by some of Manila's top couture. For tickets, call TicketWorld at 891-9999, CCP at 832-3878 and 895-8097.

On July 15, RX 93.1 and Cotton USA bring **Rock to School—The Special Concert** celebrating the resurgence of Philippine rock with full-set performances by Bamboo, Kitchie Nadal, Sponge Cola and Session Road at Le Pavilion along Roxas Boulevard. To score tickets, every P300 purchase of Cotton USA-labelled jeans, shirts and undergarments at participating SM Department Stores entitles a buyer to one raffle ticket and to watch the concert for free.



Sample Grilled Salmon with Tomato Salsa at the Heritage Hotel Manila

The Philippine Madrigal Singers is holding another season concert, **Acclamation II!** tonight at 8 at the CCP Tanghalang Abelardo. The program ranges from sacred to secular, to timeless Filipino pop and folk songs culled from the group's large repertoire. Tickets available at the CCP Box Office.

Versatile performer Mitch Valdes takes centerstage at the Captain's Bar of the Mandarin Oriental, Manila on Friday and Saturday nights until July 16, as she dishes out hilarious and musically thrilling numbers in a show billed **A Rockin' Comedy**. On Friday and Saturday nights of August, **Diva to Diva** show features Kuh Ledesma together with Zsa Zsa Padilla. For details, call 750-8888 ext. 2446.

Cinema

"Sandalang Bahay" is one of the digital films in the **Cinema One Originals Digital Filmfest 2005** to be screened at the SM Megamall today. Adapted from a story by Ralph Peña, the film is a dramatic fusion of heartrending emotions and darkly humorous wit about facing the past and owning up to the truth that resides in the bleakest corner of the soul. Screening schedules are as follows: *"Ang Anak ni* Brocka," 10:30 a.m.; *"Sa* North Diversion Road," 1 p.m.; *"Sandalang Bahay,"* 3 p.m.; *"Sitak,"* 5 p.m.; *"Dilim,"* 7 p.m.; *"Anak ng Tinapa,"* 9 p.m.

Joel Ruiz and Coreen Jimenez's "Mansyon" is among the films to be shown at the Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival

Six competition short films in digital video format will open the **Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival and Competition** on July 12, 7 p.m. at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino. The short films, which bested over a hundred entries to the competition, are competing for the top place in the short film category of the Cinemalaya competition. The short films are: *"Alimuom"* by Rommel Tolentino; *"Baboe"* by Sigrid Andrea Bernardo; "Blood Bank" by Pam Miras; *"Kultado"* by Lawrence Fajardo; *"Mansyon"* by Joel Ruiz and *"Panaginipan"* by Anna Isabelle Matutina. Other Cinemalaya activities include a congress on independent filmmaking on July 15-16 (8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino), screenings of non-competing, exhibition films and other film-related events. For tickets, call the CCP at tel. no. 832-1125 local 1704/05.

Peter Raymont's "Shake Hands with the Devil," the Audience Award Winner and Official Selection for Grand Jury Prize at the 2005 Sundance Films Festival, topbills the documentary features for the **Canadian Documentary Festival** at the UP Film Institute Videotheque. The full rundown of screenings is as follows: "Shake Hands with the Devil," July 13, 4 p.m.; "Turbulent Waters," July 20, 4 p.m.; "Under One Sky: Arab Women in North America Talk about the Hijab," July 27, 4 p.m.; "Journey to Justice," July 27, 5 p.m. Admission is free on a first-come-first-seated basis. For details, call 926-3640 or 9262722 (telefax).

Onstage

Tanghalang Ateneo presents its 27th Repertory Season with ***Season in Flight*** which kicks off in September with Bienvenido Noriega Jr."s *"Bayan-Bayanan,"* a modern classic of Filipino drama. In November, Tanghalang Ateneo's new recruits display their own version of flight in Clifford Odet's *"Nasaan si Kaliwete?* (Waiting for Lefty)." The season's finale in January 2006 confronts another masterpiece of fiction, "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck. For inquiries, call JJ Ignacio at 426-6001 loc. 5056.

This Sunday at 5 p.m., **Concert at the Park** presents the Far Eastern University Modern Dance Troupe under dance director Lei Tapales in a program titled "Emergence." To be held at the Rizal Park Open-Air Auditorium, Manila. Admission is free.

Food

Feast on exquisite culinary creations of **bird's nest and Buddha soups**, as Mandarin Oriental, Manila presents a two-week food promotion from July 18 to 31 at **Tin Hau** restaurant. Experience the sublime tastes of two of China's legendary culinary treasure, which are also known for their precious nourishing benefits. For reservations, call 750-8888 ext. 2422.

Restaurant Riviera of The Heritage Hotel Manila gives a truly satisfying meal of **great All-American food** as main feature in The Heritage Grand Buffet for lunch and dinner daily until July 31. Experience the distinctive flavors of charcoal grilled dishes of America using prime quality beef cuts. For inquiries, call 854-8888.

Succumb to the temotations of Indian cuisine through the sights, smells and tastes of the centerpiece of the Indian meal—the curry—until July 29 at the Peninsula Manila's Spices Restaurant. A curry buffet is avaiable during lunch, dinner is a la carte. There will also be a Peninsula Academy Cooking Class **Indian Curry Tour** on July 16 at 9 a.m. For inquiries, call 887-2888 ext. 2168.

Savor the goodness of American flavors as Holiday Inn Galleria Manila takes you to another gastronomic journey to the west through its **All American Buffet** offering at the Raphael Café until July 15. Creole and Cajun cooking will also be showcased during the food festival as well as favorite meals like fried chicken, burger and fries. For reservations, call 633-7111 loc. 7416.

Enjoy America's favorite Oreo cookie captured in Seattle's Best ice-blended **Oreo Javakula drink**—a magnificently-crushed, chewy-chocolatey cookie mixed in a mellow coffee flavor, hand-crafted with a smooth slide of fresh whipped cream, topped with Oreo.

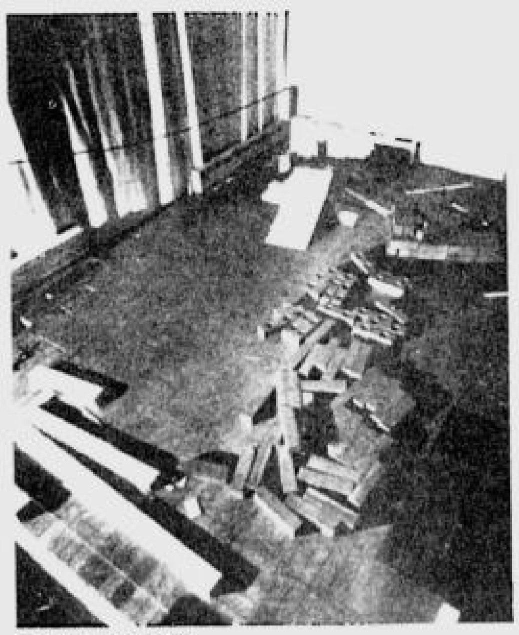
Atbp

The Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication offers a new course at using traditional and new media in formal and non-formal education. The course, **Educational Technology** will involve, among others, a survey of educational technologies, their uses in teaching-learning situations, module development, and strategies in coming up with effective alternative learning systems. Enrolment ongoing until July 15. For more information, please call Virgie at 724-4564.

Enhance creativity, feed the spirit, and fill the mind with useful information this month with **Powerbooks Specialty Store's lineup of events**: Book Launch: Gulay Cookbook (July 15, 6 p.m., Powerbooks Greenbelt); Arts and Crafts and Storytelling Sessions, Maverick Vision International Seminars (July 23, 3 p.m., Powerbooks Alabang); Spiritual Talk by the Eckankar Society of the Philippines (July 22 and 29, 6 p.m., Powerbooks Greenbelt); Vegetarian Cooking Demo (July 23, 4 p.m., Powerbooks Greenbelt); Smart Parenting Workshop (July 24, 12 p.m., Powerbooks Greenbelt); Volunteer: Hands On Manila (July 27, 6 p.m., Powerbooks Greenbelt); Book Club: PAWS (July 28, 6:30 p.m., Powerbooks Greenbelt).

Experience Steamed Bird's Nest with Minced Shrimp and Bamboo Pith at Tin Hau

On July 14-18 at the SM Megatrade Hall in Megamall, the **2005 Defense and Sporting Arms Show** features a practical shooting simulation to attract more youngsters to engage in the sport. The event promotes responsible gun ownership though gun safety and defense tactics seminars. It also features over 35 companies showcasing the latest and most popular firearms and ammunition in the country and serves as a venue for Association of Firearms & Ammunition Dealers of the Philippines Inc. members to interact with one another and promote unity in the gun industry. For details, call 671-8381 to 82.



Roberto Chabet's installation exhibit, "Untitled 2005," is ongoing at the Mag:net Paseo Center

The **Bahay Tsinoy Museum** is open for a Saturday of museum fun and academic exchange. An open forum series on "Strong(er) Women and Ineffectual Men? Negotiating 'Chinese-ness' in the Philippines at a Time of Transnationalism" will be held on July 16, 2:30 p.m. at the Bahay Tsinoy Museum Research Center, 32 Anda corner Solano Streets, Intramuros. Admission is free for lecture. A guided tour of Bahay Tsinoy Museum will be at 1 p.m., meet at the lobby. For reservations, call Mia Trajano at 526-6796 to 98.

Gantimpala Theater Foundation invites students and young professionals to join the **GTF Ushering Team**. A special seminar/screening of applicants is scheduled on July 13 and 14, 1-4 p.m. at the GTF Office, 2/F Open Air Auditorium, Luneta, Manila. GTF needs men (at least 5'5") and women (at least 5'3") with pleasing personalities, commanding presence, patience and good communication skills. They must be 18-30 years old and at least second year college. Bring resumé and 2 x 2 color ID picture. For details, call 844-3861, 536-5860 or 528-0603.

The Cultural Center of the Philippines is now accepting applications for the **2005 Hands-on Choral Workshop**, which will be held in various venues of the CCP on Oct. 25-29 (Tuesday to Saturday) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The workshop is a choral clinic open to amateur choirs and conductors who wish to develop their skill in choral singing and conducting. Workshop sessions include vocalization techniques, sectional rehearsals, conducting techniques for conductors, individual choir rehearsals, note reading sessions and plenary sessions. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For inquiries, call 832-2414 or 832-1125 loc. 1604/1605.

A **seminar-workshop on classical, haiku and free verse writing** will be held on July 16, at Loyola School of Theology, Ateneo, Quezon City. For details, call 285-2449 or (0916) 3622406.

Anvil Publishing Inc. announces the release of **Chronicles of Interesting Times** by celebrated writer and journalist Gregorio C. Brillantes. The book is a compilation of Brillantes' essays, and stories (culled from his 40 years in magazine publishing) of the country's leaders and heroes such as Jose Rizal, Andres Bonifacio, Emilio Aguinaldo, Benigno Aquino, Ferdinand Marcos and Carlos Romulo.

World Teach's 7 Laws of the Teacher seminar will be held on July 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ACCM Building, 102 Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City. Fee includes snacks, certificate and course manual. For reservations, call 829-5711 or text 0919-8270776.

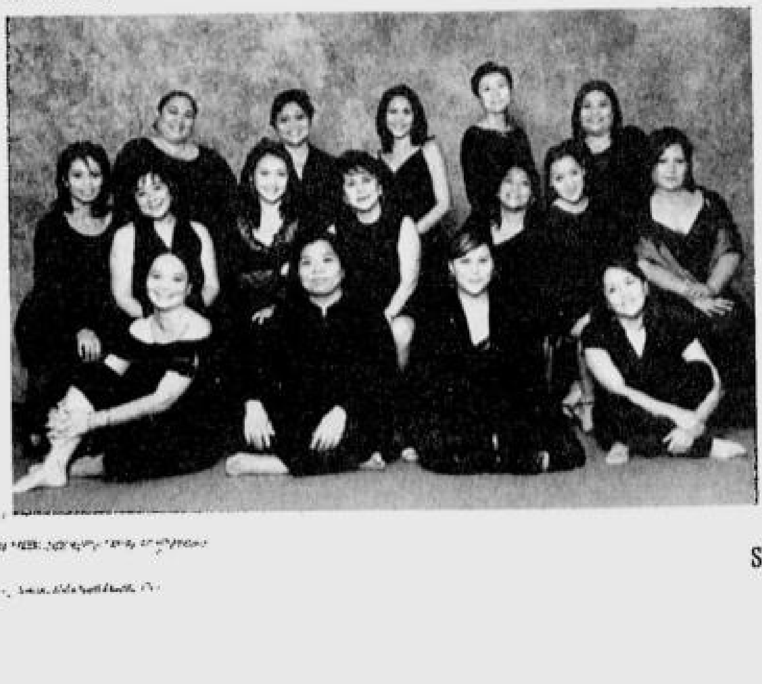
Malate Catholic School High School Batch 1987 will have their 20th anniversary **reunion.** Please contact Dennis Gernale at 0919-4592248 for details.

Photoworks: Class 15 conducted by NYFA and NYIP graduate Leo Castillo, Wednesdays and Mondays, 7-10 p.m., starting Aug. 3 at the DPI Photography Center, Jose Escriva Ave., Ortigas Center. Build a solid foundation on the art and craft of photography and become a better photographer. Class fee is P3,000. Lmited slots only. For inquiries, call 0917-8985362.

Hip Dance Studio offers **gymnastics classes** for kids every Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Fee is P1,500 for six sessions. To be held at 19 Dao St., Bgy. Quirino 3A, Proj.3, QC. For inquiries, call 413 8450 and (0921)5392143.

There will be a national **seminar-workshop on Accounting for Non-Accounting Officers in Barangays** on July 18-19 at the UP Alumni Hostel, UP Diliman to be conducted by the Center for Human Research and Development Foundation Inc. The two-day seminar workshop intends to enable participants to understand better the role of accounting in allocating resources of the barangay, learn the basics of financial and management accounting and apply cash flow forecasting. For details, call 927-9858.

The finest Filipino classical singers take the stage in "Operanow" at the CCP



X-manila

Pinto Art Gallery showcases four solo exhibits by four contemporary visual artists until Aug. 25. At Gallery 1, sculptor Joel Ajero presents his recent works in sculptural furniture in wood, glass and wrought iron. Gallery 2 features the works of painter Jemina Reyes. The Gallery Shop and House feature two abstractionists, Jonathan Castro and Arden Mopera. Pinto Art Gallery is located at 1 Sierra Madre St., Grand Heights, Antipolo City, Rizal. For details, call 697-1015.

For this week's bands and schedules call:

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- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

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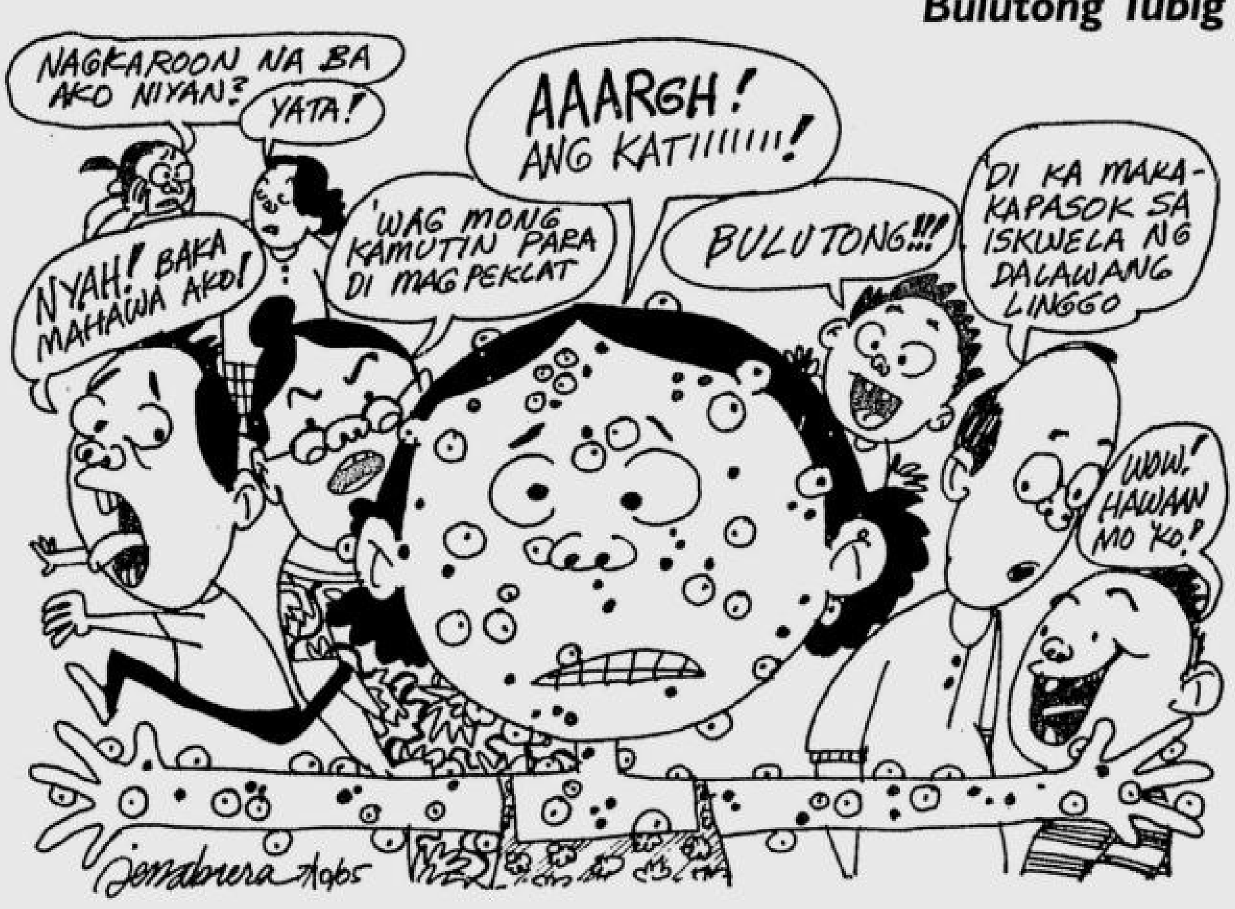
Pinoy Nga!

Jess Abrera

Bulutong Tubig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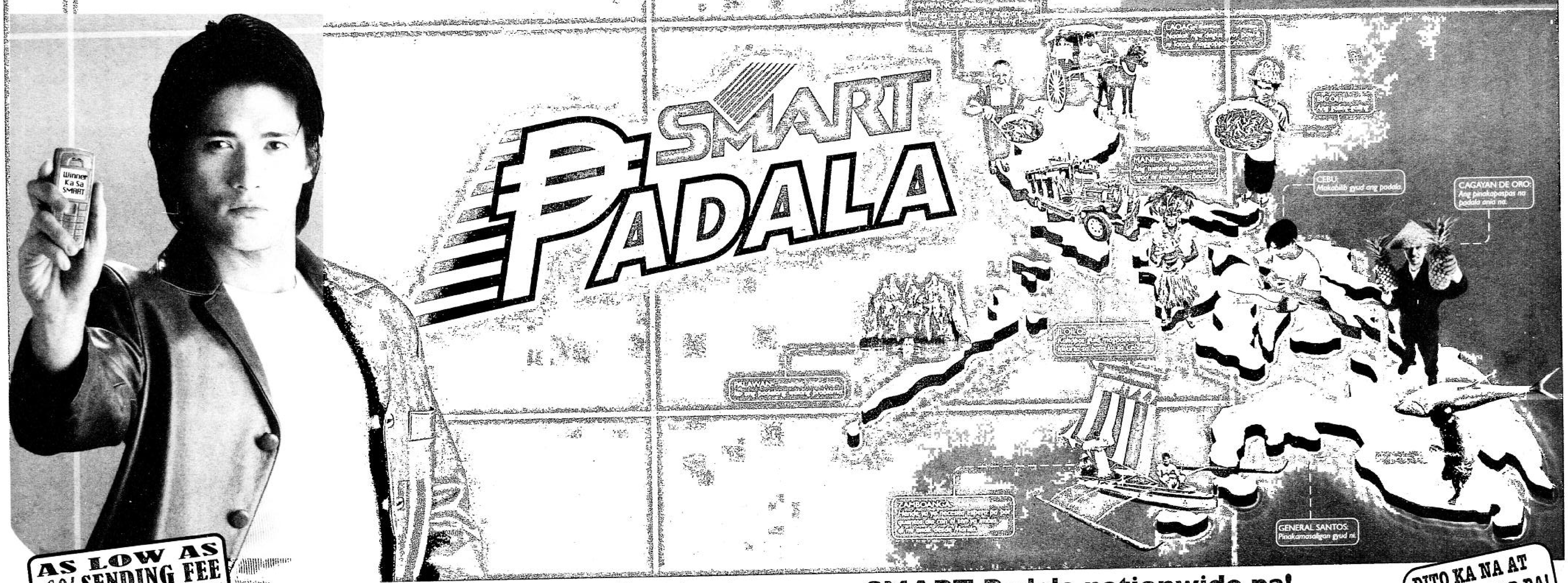
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Winner Ka Sa SMART
MANILA:
PALAWAN:
ILOILO:
ZAMBOANGA:
CEBU: Makabilib gyud ang padala.
CAGAYAN DE ORO: Ang pinakapaspas na padala anja na.
GENERAL SANTOS: Pinakamasaligan gyud ni.

AS LOW AS 1% SENDING FEE ENCASHMENT FEE

Sa SMART, may call at text na, may SMART Padala nationwide pa!

DITO KA NA AT MAG-RELOAD PA!

INITIAL REQUIREMENT PARA SA BENEFICIARY:

[illegible]

PARA SA SENDER:

1. Sender goes to a SMART Padala Center. [illegible]
2. SMART Padala Center sends cash. [illegible]

PARA SA BENEFICIARY:

1. Beneficiary receives cash. [illegible]
2. Beneficiary goes to a SMART Padala Center. [illegible]

Hanapin lang ang SMART Padala signage sa mga accredited SMART Padala Centers.

SMART PADALA Authorized Center

Some of the SMART Padala Centers kung saan puwede magpadala at mag-encash:

Lambunting

VideoCity

SMART

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Backed By:

BD BANCO DE ORO

For more info, text DOMESTIC to 700888.
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(P2.50 per inquiry).

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